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Accordion dreams

The only thing certain in the history of the accordion is that, as with gunpowder and water torture, the Chinese started it all. In 3,000 B.C., an emperor ordered a courtier to find a way to reproduce the song of the phoenix. The man created the *sheng*, which looks like Sherlock Holmes's pipe with a set of grain silos crammed in the bowl but is in fact a multistemmed flute whose bamboo chambers are fitted with reeds that vibrate when pushed by the player's breath.

How the vibrating-reed principle found its way to Europe (and then America and into my heart) is the first unsettled matter. Some hold that Marco Polo carried a *sheng* home along with pasta; and others say that an 18th-century French Jesuit, Jean Joseph Marie Amiot, sent one home from the missions. Given the Jesuit predilection for delivering gifts that are not pleasing to some ears, I favor Fr. Amiot.

The sound of the phoenix didn't immediately find favor in Europe, and the vibrating reed did not reach its apotheosis in the bellows accordion until early in the 19th century. Here we arrive at a knotty disagreement. Who first collided bellows, reed, and keyboard? Some hold with Cyril Damian, an Austrian of Armenian origin who lived in Paris. The Italians, however, say Damian was nothing less than Italian, while the Germans say his origins and final destination are irrelevant because he did his best work in Berlin. Others award the signal honor to Friedrich L. Buschmann, a Berliner. My money is on Friedrich, who has the name of a man who would invent the accordion.

Deiro vs. Deiro is the next large point of controversy, the question being which of the vaudevillian Deiro brothers—Guido or Pietro—was the first to perform publicly on piano accordion in the U.S. The internecine war, which the brothers carried on until their deaths more than 50 years ago, endures to this day, with reputable accordion historians (no laughter, please) siding with Pietro against a set of uncompromising Guido-backers whose website (www.guidodeiro.com) vows to “set the record straight.” The site rather extravagantly claims that Guido was not only the first of the brothers to play the piano accordion on an American stage, but the first human being to utter the phrase “piano accordion.”

I entered this wonderful and fractious communion in 1982, when my stepfather died, and I inherited his accordion. The instrument did not come to me by special codicil

in his will, but because my brothers, sister, and mother (and a collection of in-law spouses) united in agreement that “he would have wanted you to have it.” It seemed a sincere sentiment at the time, and even apt. As everyone in my musically-gifted family knows too well, I'm a dreadful player, but that hasn't stopped me from teaching myself to handle piano, guitar, fiddle, and mandolin enthusiastically; and so why not the accordion, they may have thought, an instrument already associated with appalling skills and inexplicable ardor?

What they (and I) did not foresee is that I would find I had a taste for the thing: its broad, symphonic voice; its sputtering, percussive asides; the impatience that can be heard even in its merriest notes; its ability to rule a room (or a block party); its natural aversion to pianissimo; and even its clueless uncoolness. (The accordion, I did sometimes think, was me with a keyboard attached.)

Deaf to polkas, dumb to musical notation, and blind to pop music since 1970, I focused on teaching myself to play Chassidic dances I knew from childhood, and Irish reels and waltzes I knew from recordings. And, I took care to practice when no one else was at home. If there's anything sadder than a lousy accordion player, it's a lousy accordion player whose wife and children have left him.

I remained a lousy accordionist all the years I played, though there were moments when right and left hand and all the other involved ligaments fell into lucky alliance, and a coherent sound emerged from the instrument for several minutes running, and I thought: if there were people in this room now, they'd be dancing.

Soon enough, though, I found I had taught myself everything I could teach myself, and it wasn't much or sufficient to hold my interest, though it was enough that I had become a demolition project for a real teacher, and I didn't have the time to spare for death and rebirth. I closed the case one day and did not open it for years, and when I did I found that the reed box had fallen away from the bellows, which meant that my accordion could emit no sound except for a melancholy toneless sigh. I've thought about having the thing repaired, or even buying another one. But I haven't.

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PATIENT CARE

Mary Lee Freeman's "The Last New Person" (Fall 2004) brings to mind many hospice team meetings I've attended. I call them "panning for gold." A patient's file is introduced and together the staff dips into the stream of his or her life and pulls up all kinds of stuff. And suddenly some fleck or nugget of pure gold emerges into view, an experience of "grace and the spirit," as author Janet Ruffing puts it.

Many patients yearn to be blessed but dare not or do not know how to ask for it. What sustains me in my ministry as a hospice chaplain is both the hopeful patient who says, "Now I see through a glass dimly," and Freeman's wisdom that pastoral care begins with bedpans. Through reverence, time, and interest, hospice teams see how valuable these flecks of gold are, not only in the lives of the patients we serve, but in the problematic areas of our own.

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MATERIAL MATTERS

There is a grain of truth in what Juliet Schor writes regarding materialism today ("America's Most Wanted," Fall 2004). Parents anxiously using "guilt money" to compensate for less time spent with their kids, kids idly hoping to enjoy expensive things without having earned them—these are valid concerns. It would be incorrect and a shame, however, to conclude as Schor does that the blame rests on "materialist values."

Teaching our children to embrace productiveness, individualism, and the pursuit of

happiness—the core values of America's materialist society—would in fact cure the ills that Schor describes. The critical thinking and self-reliance required to succeed in business also help steer one from making poor judgments like mistaking fashion for character. Fostering a sharper focus in our children on the basic human requirement to be productive and self-supporting as adults, and on the resultant fun in having the worldly goods they've earned, can only aid them in life. It is not commerce the young need fear, it is those who would seek to throttle the freedom of America's industry in the name of protecting them.

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LAND PROPOSAL

I was struck, looking at Gary Wayne Gilbert's photos of the newly purchased 43 acres in Brighton ("Overview," Summer 2004), by the contrast between the lush green fields and woods on the Brighton side and the grey concrete high-rises and sports facilities on the opposite side of Commonwealth Avenue.

Would it be unrealistic to imagine that BC might follow the example of other colleges, such as Swarthmore and Bryn Mawr, and use part of this land to create an arboretum?

CHRISTINE MARQUE '88
Paris, France

POET'S CORNER

I was delighted to come upon Andrew Sofer's pantoum poem "Wittgenstein in Norway" (Fall 2004). Its structure grabbed me as much as its content, so I eagerly read

the instructions alongside. I brought Sofer's poem and the instructions to my next poetry group meeting, and we agreed there was nothing for it but to try our own hands.

It is unusual to find poetry in an alumni magazine, and even more so to find an explanation of the poem's form. What a terrific education!

Here for your entertainment is the pantoum I wrote:

THE SUN, THAT BASTARD

The sun is a lout
jarring bodies from slumbering peace
pulling planets about:
A universe of worshippers ill at ease.

Jarring bodies from slumbering peace
the sun squeezes eyes with molten hands
'til a universe of worshippers, ill at ease,
melts new glass from mountains of sand.

The sun squeezes eyes with molten hands,
solar flare deadens radio waves,
melts new glass from mountains of sand,
pours fresh windows to hold us at bay.

Solar flare deadens radio waves
and we, awed foolishly quiet
pour fresh windows to hold glare at bay,
yank our curtains to force back the riot,

while the spotted giant's spinning fingers
pull the planets about,
scorching us whenever we linger.
The sun is a lout.

EILEEN MCCLUSKEY '81
Watertown, Massachusetts

Editor's note: An article "First Team" in the Summer 2004 issue listed John Douglass '93 as the first alumnus to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Joseph F. O'Connell '93 was in fact the first, serving from Massachusetts in the 60th and 61st congresses, 1907–11.

BCM welcomes letters from readers.

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Neuhauser at a recent campus forum. With him is Executive Vice President Patrick Keating.

Good years

JACK NEUHAUSER STEPS DOWN

Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculties John J. Neuhauser has announced that he will step down from the University's top academic post later this year. Neuhauser, who has served in the role since 1999, will rejoin the Carroll School of Management faculty after a successor is named.

The decision by Neuhauser, who was dean of the Carroll School for 22 years before being named AVP, coincides with the near completion of the University's Assessment and Planning Initiative. "It made sense to bring in a new AVP who would be responsible for implementing over the next 10 years the priorities that we have identified," he said in an interview with the *Boston College Chronicle*.

University President William P. Leahy, SJ, praised Neuhauser for his efforts “to enhance the faculty and academic program,” calling him “a dedicated University citizen who has served this institution exceedingly well.”

During Neuhauser’s tenure, BC cemented its place among the top-40 national universities as ranked by *US News & World Report*. The University saw dramatic increases in external funding for research and sponsored projects—including a record \$42.2 million in fiscal 2004. Undergraduate applications rose, and in 2004 BC received the fourth-highest number of applications of any private university in the United States (22,451). Over the same period, the average SAT score of incoming freshmen increased from 1275 to 1317.

The Neuhauser years also

saw the University’s first-ever Rhodes Scholars in 2003, and growing numbers of students earning Marshall, Fulbright, Truman, and other post-graduate fellowship awards. In 2001, Boston College joined a group of needs-blind U.S. colleges and universities known as the 568 Presidents’ Working Group, which seeks to develop common principles and metrics of student financial need. BC is one of only 30 colleges and universities in the country that meets the full financial need of all its students.

NEUHAUSER came to Boston College in 1969 as an assistant professor of computer science. He was the founding chair of the computer science department and became CSOM dean in 1977. During his tenure as dean, the CSOM undergraduate program rose to

top-40 status among U.S. business schools, as Neuhauser recruited distinguished faculty members such as Wayne Ferson, Alicia Munnell, and Edward Kane (finance), Peter Wilson and Arnold Wright (accounting), and Larry Ritzman (operations and strategic management) to fill endowed chairs. While dean, Neuhauser also helped establish the Boston College Chief Executives’ Club, a speakers’ club for business leaders that has been called the top business lunch in the nation.

Fr. Leahy has appointed a committee of faculty, administrators, and students to recommend a successor to Neuhauser. William B. Neenan, SJ, vice president and special assistant to the president, will chair the committee. Its members include Vice President for University Mission and

Ministry Joseph A. Appleyard, SJ, Vice President for Student Affairs Cheryl L. Presley, Carroll School of Management Dean Andrew Boynton, Associate Dean of Nursing Loretta Higgins, Philosophy Professor James Bernauer, SJ, Theology Professor Lisa Cahill, Biology Professor Thomas Chiles, Chemistry Professor T. Ross Kelly, Finance Professor Alicia Munnell, Associate History Professor David Quigley, Law Professor James R. Repetti, Political Science Professor Kay L. Schlozman, Education Professor Mary Walsh, and Special Assistant to the President Robert Newton. An undergraduate and a graduate student will also be named.

Jack Dmm

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VIGIL—On January 25, as dusk fell on O'Neill Plaza, more than 500 members of the Boston College community gathered to remember the victims of the December tsunami in South Asia. Collections taken at Masses during the first two weeks of spring semester and at the candlelight vigil (which raised \$3,000) were donated to Catholic Relief Services and Jesuit Refugee Service, organizations with a long-standing presence in the affected regions.

LEE PELLEGRINI

IN THE BANK

What would Greenspan do?

A team of five Boston College students has placed third in the annual College Fed Challenge sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The competition, which took place at the Federal Reserve building in Manhattan on November 10, called for teams of economics students to propose monetary policy for the Federal Reserve System, assuming the role actually filled by the Federal Open-Market Committee.

This was the first time Boston College had sent a team to the three-year-old contest, according to associate professor Robert Murphy, who, with assistant professor Fabio Ghironi, advised the team. At the competition, seniors Matt List and Barry Mills, and juniors Mark Irvine, Greg Wiles, and Anna Zervou, all economics majors or minors, made a 20-minute presentation on the current U.S. economy—including forecasts on job growth and inflation—and recommended a course of action on the federal funds interest rate (the main economic tool of the Federal Reserve). The students, who had studied the previous year's data on such factors as job creation, inflation, and productivity, as well as records of the Open-Market Committee's deliberations, recommended raising the federal funds interest rate from 1.75 to 2 percent, to counter inflationary pressures from rising oil prices. "At first



The College Fed Challenge team: (seated, from left) Mills, Irvine, List; (standing, from left) Ghironi, Wiles, Murphy. Missing is Anna Zervou.

we thought that we should stop raising interest rates," says Wiles. "But we looked at the data again, and thought the course the Fed is taking is probably right." That same day, the Open-Market Committee, meeting in Washington, D.C., announced a change identical to the one proposed by the students.

In the first round, the BC students presented their case to judges—mostly Fed officials and economists from the private sector and academe—in a private conference room. In the concluding round later in the day, they joined fellow finalists from Rutgers, SUNY Geneseo, and SUNY Binghamton in an auditorium before a judging panel that in-

cluded Charles Steindel, a senior vice president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, who led the questioning: What role does the Federal Reserve have in preventing asset price bubbles? What, besides the treasury yield curve, can be used to measure inflation expectations?

Rutgers and SUNY Geneseo, both past participants in the competition, placed first and second; the BC students collectively received a \$2,500 award, and the economics department \$5,000, for their finish. Nineteen universities participated in the competition, including Columbia, NYU, Fordham, Northeastern, and Cornell.

Paul Voosen

CODE BREAKERS

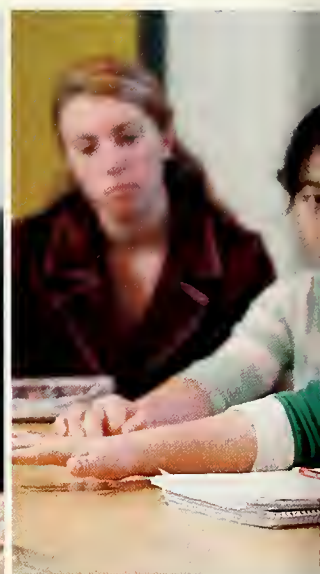
The departments of computer science, biology, and mathematics have collaborated on a new concentration in bioinformatics for undergraduates. Bioinformatics is a growing scientific field that uses mathematics and computer programming to process and analyze biological information. The biology department is now accepting graduate students in the discipline.

UNION TALKS

Boston College has begun discussions with the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on a possible merger that would result in creation of a school of theology at BC. The school would likely be located at St. William's Hall on the Brighton Campus, and would include BC's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. Weston, founded in 1922, is one of two Jesuit theological schools in the United States, and enrolls some 240 students, half of whom are lay.

THE ETHICISTS

Four undergraduates in the Carroll School of Management took first place at the Dalhousie Business Ethics Case Competition in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in November. The students, seniors Anne Cooper and Matt Lawton and juniors Michael Dixon and Kevin Schohl, beat out representatives of 14 Canadian and two American universities in the three-round competition. Assistant dean James Halpin advised the student team, with help from associate dean Richard Keeley.



EXTRA CREDIT

Cornerstone advisement goes topical

If you did not know much about the molecular medicine seminar taught by the biology department's associate chair Clare O'Connor, you might wonder why this surprisingly relaxed class of a dozen or so freshmen in Higgins 345 began and ended with talk of dinner, and why O'Connor's suggestion of a side dish, orange cauliflower, raised smiles.

O'Connor's course is one of six new "topic seminars" launched by BC's Office of First Year Experience this past fall, for freshmen only. As such, its aim is multipurpose: to expose freshmen to a subject of particular interest to a professor and new to them; to provide opportunities for socializing in an academic grouping (each seminar has a

\$750 social budget); and to widen the avenues for faculty guidance in the year or more before students declare their majors. O'Connor's class, which included a segment on genetic modification, may have been the only seminar where students could hope to meet at table and literally consume their subject matter, but in its blend of conviviality and serious discussion it was typical. The seminars, which are designed to conclude before Thanksgiving (and well before the press of final exams), earn the students one credit and are pass-fail. Says associate dean Bill Petri, who coordinates the program, "This is real learning where the pressure is off."

Last fall's topics included "The Politics of Evil" (with

psychology professor Ali Banuazizi); "Democratic Statesmanship" (political scientist Robert Faulkner); "Odysseus/Ulysses in Time and Place" (the Honors Program's Tim Duket); "The 2004 Presidential Election" (political scientist Marc Landy); and "Native American Life in the United States—The Struggle to Exist Through Memory" (English professor Dacia Gentilella).

The topic seminars themselves are a spin-off of the Cornerstone advisement seminars created in 1998 to improve freshmen academic advisement and mentoring. The advisement seminars remain ongoing (this year there were 15); students in those classes read a selection of texts—by authors ranging

from Tobias Wolff to Alice Walker to the Apostle Luke—that speak directly or indirectly to the process of setting academic or personal goals. Nearly 300 students participated in the two programs combined.

TWO DAYS after the November elections, there were ample questions to ponder in Professor Marc Landy's topic seminar "The 2004 Election," which met in McGuinn 437.

Landy began by asking the 16 assembled freshmen, "What's the meaning of all this? What do we know about American politics today that we didn't know on Monday?" After some grumbling in the room about personal experiences with the vagaries of

ABOVE: scenes from the seminars led by Gentilella, O'Connor, and Landy. The freshmen, from left, are Suzannah Cooke, Sheila Bharucha, and Leah Maloney; Benjamin Tress and Kevin Yang; Jessica Burke, Kimberly Ng, and Meghan Harrington; Amanda Buescher, Timothy Douglas, and Stephen Schroeder; and Benjamin Gardner, Michael DuBois, and Nicholas Bradley.



LEE PELLEGRINI

voter registration and absentee ballots—not quite to the larger point, but understandable coming from first-time voters—student Michael DuBois of Weymouth, Massachusetts, acknowledged, “After this election, I have a lot of respect for Karl Rove as a strategist.” Referring to President Bush’s political mastermind, DuBois, a confessed Democrat, said Rove’s “risky strategy” of cultivating the Republican base paid off in the form of three million evangelical voters who had sat out the 2000 election. “There’s Bush’s popular vote margin,” he figured.

“I was disappointed in the young voters,” Cara Caponi of Indianapolis remarked, noting that despite mobilizations like “Rock the Vote,” the youth turnout was proportionately no greater than it had been in 2000.

But then Landy reviewed the math. Absolute numbers of young voters did go way up, though their share of the electorate did not, due to an immense overall turnout. “The young people really didn’t embarrass themselves,” Landy assured Caponi.

“I disagree,” announced DuBois: “This means there was nothing special in the turnout of young people.”

“You’re right,” Landy said with a generous nod. “Mike has a point.”

Politics aside, the exchange illustrated one reason why topic seminars were added to Cornerstone’s curriculum. In the advisement seminars, the teaching approach has been “shared inquiry”—professors ask questions, but don’t answer them. In contrast, during his topic seminar, Landy was responding to questions and comments with facts and analysis within his area of expertise. That approach is more to the liking of some faculty.

During a few exchanges, such as when discord broke out over gay marriage, Landy played the time-honored academic role of referee. (“Guys, we’re talking about a tough question here, and I want it treated with respect.”) At other times, the only discipline imposed upon the group was to insist that a called-upon student respond to the point just made by his or her classmate.

After the session, Landy explained in an interview, “These kids were told in high school that they’re supposed to talk, but they didn’t get the message about listening. So that’s part of what we’re doing here—we’re learning how to listen to each other.”

IN ALL of these seminars, the broader purpose is not only to feed the life of the mind but also to encourage thinking, on all sides, about the life of the student in this particular academic community. That is why, in the opening 15 minutes or so of each meeting, Professor Dacia Gentilella lets conversation wander where it will, before turning to her topic of Native American life in the United States.

At the start of the seminar’s last meeting, one student panned a talk given on campus by conservative pundit Ann Coulter. (The professor interjected, “Hey, I’m just glad students are going to things.”) Another student wondered aloud if she could drop a class (not this class) two days before Thanksgiving, which was not entirely off base, since topic-

seminar professors also serve officially as the advisors to their first-year students. And there was lighthearted buzz about a local bakery.

The formal class discussion centered on an essay by imprisoned Native American activist Leonard Peltier, and bigger questions such as how ordinary people could bring about social change. “This is a great example of what I want college to be about. To be not just concerned with grades, with my major, with my career path—but to discover new things, to be inspired,” said Leah Maloney of Hamden, Connecticut, speaking after class.

“For me, it really hits home,” added Amanda Buescher, of Thousand Oaks, California, “because I’m half Native American and my dad grew up on a reservation. And he died when I was young, so it’s a way for me to connect with him and where he came from”—a thoughtful pause—“where *I* came from.”

Through the seminar, Buescher was also connecting with her new social milieu, the freshman community, and her

new surroundings. That's part of the package—"this class is sort of instant community," Gentilella said in an interview. Some of this bonding has taken place beyond Chestnut Hill, as when the class ventured into Boston's North End and settled into an Italian bakery for an extracurricular field trip. By her students' reactions, "You'd think I opened up the door to Fort Knox. You'd think it was Christmas," Gentilella said. There's talk of

a spring reunion at the bakery.

What Gentilella likes most about the seminar, aside from its focus on a topic that intrigues her, is that she can tend to "the whole student." And her students say that getting to know their professor has been a huge plus for them. Seminar professors like Gentilella were "handpicked," explains Petri, "because they have a real interest in caring for students. They're also good communicators, and you have to teach

in a way that's intellectually stimulating but absorbable for a mixed group of majors." He adds, "A theology major should have no fear of the genomic revolution."

Indeed, in her seminar, "Tailored for You: Medicine Becomes Molecular," biologist Clare O'Connor invited students to reflect on medicine-and-morality questions. Her freshmen were "an ethically minded group," she said one day after class, noting that

they were against reproductive cloning and were wrestling with the issue of therapeutic, or research, cloning.

But one thing will likely be cloned on campus, and that is the topic seminars, which, after their spring hiatus, are expected to increase from six to 12 next fall.

William Bole

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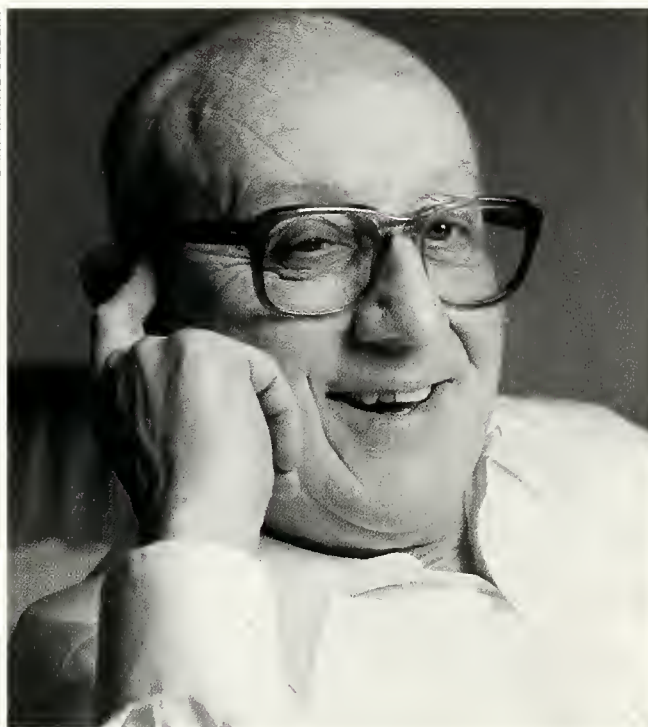
CIRCULAR LOGIC—In the mid-1930s, surrealist artist Marcel Duchamp—former fauvist, cubist, dadaist, and student of engineering and mathematics—reacted against the static quality of the paint medium with his *Rotoreliefs* series, one of which is pictured here. Designed to spin on a turntable, the artist had 500 sets of the discs (six in each) made in 1935, which he planned to sell for 15 francs at the annual inventors' fair in Paris—but while he was awarded an honorable mention at the fair, he sold only one set the entire week. *Rotoreliefs* (No. 6), rotating on a turntable as intended, may be viewed at *Accommodations of Desire*, an exhibit at the McMullen Museum of Art, through March 24, along with 124 other surrealist works on paper collected by the late Julien Levy.



Wise guy

JOHN SMITH, 1923–2004

GARY WAYNE GILBERT



John Smith, who died on September 11 at the age of 81, came to Boston College to be financial vice president in December 1970 with no experience of college except as a student. A working-class kid from Nutley, New Jersey, he had leveraged a bachelor's degree from Rutgers' evening college on the GI Bill, and then, pausing to grab a part-time MBA from New York University, he hauled himself up the corporate ladder as an accountant and financial executive until in mid-journey he found himself in a dark wood. A company on which he'd gambled his work and life savings collapsed in a way that, he believed, tarnished his professional and personal reputations. "It was the absolute nadir of my life," he once recalled. And then Boston College came looking for a CFO who would fix its financial problem, which was an excess of debit over credit.

BC's gamble—pinning its future to a man who was coming off a business failure and who had never worked in higher education—paid off big. John became one of the stalwarts who guided the University from the edge of bankruptcy to prosperity. And along the way, and over the course of 21 years, say financial experts, he promulgated professional accounting innovations—John preferred to call them "crackpot schemes"—that today constitute rules of prudence and order in higher-education finance across the country.

John was blazingly smart, and he knew it. But he was also a Jersey guy from the days when Jersey meant truck farms and deer hunting, and he loved to play the hayseed who finds himself among the eminent doctors of philosophy. Here's what I wrote in 1990, when he retired, about a visit to his More Hall office:

As he riffles the file drawers and the jumble of paper on his desk top, Smith keeps up a continual monologue that those familiar with his ways will recognize. . . a long-practiced theater turn and a spontaneous eruption, a Roman candle pop-

pop of canny wit, ribaldry, internal dialogue, self-deprecation (balanced by equal deprecation of the audience), old jokes, non sequiturs, rhetorical questioning, and lecture [that is] unstoppable. Some of it goes like this: "Did I ever tell you my philosophy? I listened to the Harvard B-School baloney—'Look at the ridges of the mountains,' you know? [He gestures the shape of a broad, high horizon.] And meanwhile you don't notice the manhole cover is missing, and you step right in. So when they were looking at the mountains, I was cutting their pants loose. Right here is the finance and audit book. Do you

understand depreciation theory? If you understand depreciation theory then even you will be able to understand this. Here, let me show you how stupid this is."

In the mid-1980s, I attended a seminar on financial management that John was offering. This being John, the seminar was laced with quips, extended asides, street-corner zingers. For whatever reason, I was John's favorite target that long morning, as in "I see Ben's eyes are glazing over so I'll have to go through all this again." Finally, I raised my hand. "John, you of all people ought to understand that the actuarial tables predict I'm going to be writing your obit one day." It shut him down, but only for the duration of the seminar.

So here's what I want to say now. John Smith was a financial wizard, honest, memorable as Falstaff, and sometimes a royal pain in the neck. He was loved by his wife Helen and his children and grandchildren. He loved them deeply. I imagine that he loved a great many other people, too, but the public part he had chosen to play didn't allow him access to tender lines. Most importantly for those of us who work or study here, he led the effort to keep Boston College solvent for two years until Fr. Monan and the rest of the posse showed up to help him save the day. And then he told them how it could be done from a financial perspective, and he was right.

Ben Birnbaum

STUDENT RMS W/VU. BRAND NU

Photographs by Lee Pellegrini



Last fall, 309 upperclassmen, six RAs, a residence hall director, and a resident minister became the first occupants of Boston College's newest student residence. Located at 110 St. Thomas More Road near the St. Ignatius Gate on the lower campus, the building was quickly dubbed by students "The Gate." The exterior suggests an offspring of the modern gothic St. Ignatius Church and the more angular Vanderslice Hall nearby. The six-story L-shaped structure contains 296 windows, 600 tons of structural steel, and 12,753 square feet of granite; its rooms are configured in six- and eight-person suites. *BCM* photographed house-proud residents just before Christmas, apparently with advance notice.



OPPOSITE: resident assistant Nicholas Townley '06. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: sophomores Timothy Hagan (left), Mark Simms, Andrew Canto, Glenn Farrell, and Michael Cintolo; Matthew Meyer '06 (left) and Matthew Blattner '05; juniors Emily Ayre (left), Jaclyn Schlichting, Ursula Rodriguez, Melissa Cox, and Diane Meade



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: juniors Brian Maier (left) and Michael DiSiena; seniors Maria Schweitzer (left), Renee Ledoux, Kelly Hickman, and Lauren Marra; juniors Karlantoine Balan (left) and Shelley Stewart; juniors Christine Herbas (left) and Marcela Robles

COMEDY NIGHT

AFTER FIVE YEARS IN HELL, *LECTURA DANTIS* MOVES ON

Never has a group of souls been more eager to go to purgatory. On this crisp fall night near Thanksgiving, fewer than half the seats in Devlin 101 are occupied, but the audience of 40 or so mostly white-haired or balding men and women radiates a bonhomie that fills the room. “Buona sera,” Laurie Shepard, associate professor of Romance languages and literatures, greets the group. “We are embarking on a new journey, a most arduous journey.” Shepard hands out a diagram of ascending tiers that resembles a wedding cake and asks, “Would anybody like a map of purgatory?”

These pilgrims are part of *Lectura Dantis*, a tradition of public readings of *The Divine Comedy* of Dante Alighieri that has been carried on in various venues for 700 years. At Boston College, the rite began at the millennium, in February 2000, with Canto I of the *Inferno*, the *Comedy*’s first part. The reader that night was Franco Mormando, chair of the Romance languages department, which together with the Center for Italian Culture of Newton, Massachusetts, sponsors the meetings. Since then, on a handful of nights a year, “one canto at a time,” as Shepard says serenely, this devoted band has savored the 14th-century text that is among the world’s greatest poems. Italian-American retirees, professors of Italian, amateur scholars of Dante, graduate

students, and the occasional undergraduate celebrate the poet who dared to write his 100 cantos in vernacular Italian instead of Latin. Boston College’s *Lectura Dantis* was originally scheduled to take 20 years to complete. It has been accelerated by three years to accommodate those who feared they might be in the real afterlife before it was done.

Tonight’s speaker, on *Purgatorio I*, is Professor Rachel Jacoff of Wellesley College, a renowned Dante scholar and, as the buzz among the audience afterward affirms, a generous and incisive teacher. “It’s a relief to get to purgatory when I’m teaching Dante,” Jacoff begins. “It’s too bad many only read the *Inferno*, when two-thirds of Dante’s poem is on the saved.” Less sexy than heaven or hell, and a place that only exists until the Last Judgment, purgatory did not seize the medieval imagination; almost no images of it exist from Dante’s time. Theologians too have been imprecise about it, thereby offering Dante cosmic scope for an idiosyncratic rendering. Reversing the descending cone shape of hell, purgatory in Dante’s scheme is a mountain with seven terraces matching the seven deadly sins, ending in a flat-topped Garden of Eden. “This wedding-cake-shaped mountain will have a couple at its top, Dante and Beatrice,” Jacoff

notes, sending the audience into chuckles with the reference to Dante’s deceased muse, who, at the end of *Purgatorio*, emerges from paradise to chastise her sinful admirer into a state of grace.

Purgatory is a “middle ground,” Jacoff says, “in process” much like Dante himself, and looking both ways, toward the past and the future. “Time matters” here, Jacoff declares, the only domain of the afterlife in which this is so. Accordingly, Dante frequently notes the position of the sun, the angle of its rays, the shadows it makes. The stars are prominent in *Purgatorio*, too, literally “re-orienting” Dante and the reader, for this place is all about change. The pilgrim emerges from purgatory “renewed and remade”: If *Inferno* is about deformation and *Paradiso* about transformation, *Purgatorio* is, Jacoff wryly says, a “reform school.”

The figure that presides over *Purgatorio* is Cato of Utica, a choice that has puzzled and even shocked readers for its apparently heretical suggestion that a pagan from the first century B.C., who committed suicide, might be saved. Though Cato professes surprise that Dante and Virgil could pass from hell into purgatory, defying everything he knows about the divine road map, the real question, as Jacoff points out, is what is *he*



Professor Janet E. Helms

AUGUST CHAIR

Education professor Janet E. Helms, a research psychologist who studies racial identity, has been appointed to the University’s Augustus Long Chair. Helms is the founding director of BC’s Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture.

GOLDEN YEARS

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College has received \$1.9 million in new funding from the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) to support research on retirement income issues—a 65 percent increase over last year’s funding. Since the center’s establishment in 1998, it has received \$11.6 million from the SSA and another \$1.6 million from corporate and foundation sources.

IRISH EYES

During the 2004 election, BC’s Irish Institute was host to 10 journalists from Ireland and Northern Ireland. The observers attended a seminar by political science professor Marc Landy, visited with writers and editors from the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald*, and met local and national political officials, consultants, and analysts. They watched the election at Boston’s WCVB-TV studios, and then visited Louisville, Kentucky, to get a “heartland” view.



Still from *Killing Silence*

SILENCE MOVIE

Fine arts professor John Michalczyk's film, *Killing Silence*, had its world premiere last fall at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The film, directed and coproduced by Michalczyk, examines the Mafia's historic hold on Sicily and the efforts Sicilians have made since the 1990s to challenge it. Other BC community members credited in the film include faculty members Raymond Helmick, SJ, (theology) coproducer; Charles Meyer (studio art), associate producer, sound recordist, and still photographer; and Margaret McAllister (music), music producer; Paul Goudreau '88 served as associate producer, editor, and camera operator.

DEATHS

- Grant W. Balkema, a member of the biology faculty since 1987, on November 24, at age 53.
- Robert L. Castagnola '51, MSW '58, a member of the Graduate School of Social Work faculty since 1962, on January 4, at age 75.
- Leah K. Deni, education program associate at the Urban Ecology Institute since 2002, on December 22, at age 25.
- Albert J. Kelley, dean of the Carroll School of Management from 1967 to 1978, on December 8, at age 80.
- Francis McCaffrey, a member of the physics faculty since 1956, on January 13, at age 84.

doing there. Cato killed himself rather than submit to Julius Caesar's tyranny and is associated in Roman history with liberty. Jacoff contends that by locating Cato in this place of salvation Dante is asserting the poet's artistic liberty: He creates his own rules.

It's hard not to be reminded on this occasion of the Church's love of schema—seven deadly sins, four cardinal virtues, three options for the afterlife (four, counting limbo). As the debate over Cato attests, everyone has a place, in a hierarchy that comforts and condemns at once. In a charmingly comic bit, Virgil tries to buddy up to Cato by promising that if Cato gives the two poets passage through his realm, he'll report this kindness back to Cato's wife, Marcia, who, like Virgil, has been consigned to limbo. Cato brushes off this bid, drawing a sharp line between his uxorious past and his reha-

bilitated present: "She has no power to move me any longer, / such was the law decreed when I was freed." Though Dante leaves room in the *Comedy* for enduring love (in the person of Beatrice), the afterlife that he draws admits what Jacoff calls a "tension between what you leave behind and what you can keep."

THE EVENING, like the *Comedy*, is in three parts: Jacoff's remarks on Canto I are followed by her reading of it aloud in Italian and then by questions from the audience. Jacoff's voice is sonorous and lively, and as the long Italian vowels and soft consonants fill the silence, a man in the audience keeps his eyes closed, rhythmically plucking his beard, and smiling—there is no other word for it—beatifically.

Questions come thick and fast from this well-informed group. At some point a man in a tweed jacket asks bluntly,

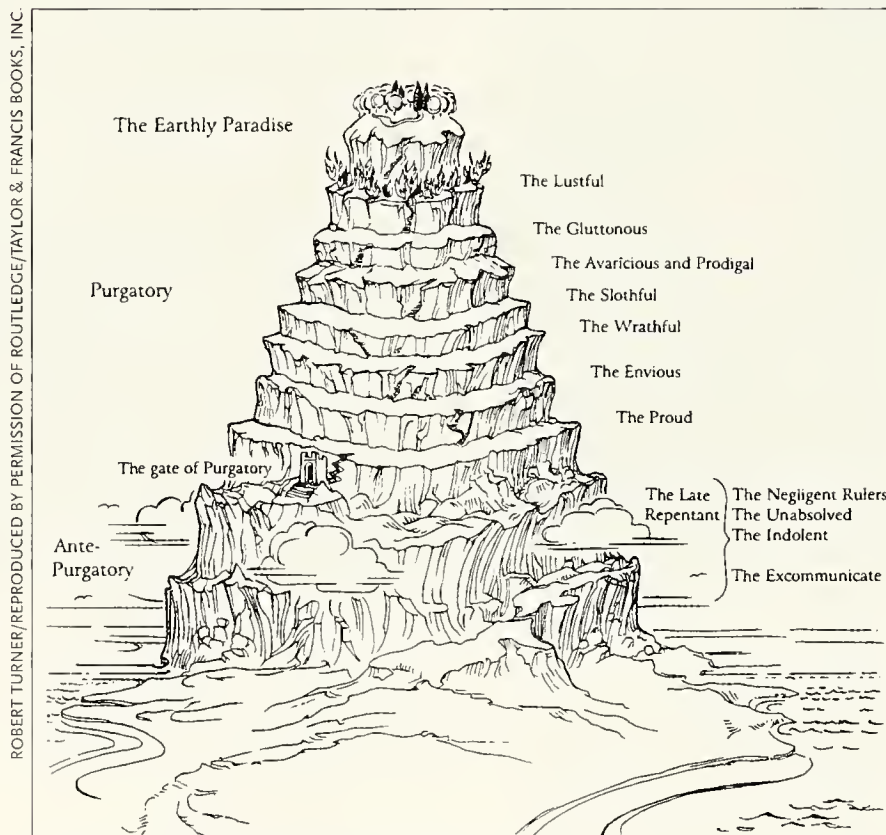
"Why is Cato saved and Virgil not?" Twirling a strand of hair, Jacoff looks thoughtful. "Virgil is the tragedy in the *Comedy*. People are always trying to save Virgil: Every five years someone writes an article" outlining the technicalities on which he might have gotten into heaven. The pathos of Virgil not being saved, she says, led St. Paul, according to a Christian legend, to weep at Virgil's grave. "*The Divine Comedy* is not a Pollyanna-ish book."

A woman in the back row remarks that Beatrice turns into a less feminine woman in this book than she was in *Inferno*. "She turns back into one in *Paradiso*," returns Jacoff. "Oh, okay. I'm not there yet," the woman replies.

Released from this cozy room a few minutes later, I walk to my car under a cloudy moon that competes with streetlights and the blue beacon of a call box. The last question of the night had come from a first-time reader intrigued by the profusion of light images in *Purgatorio*. Jacoff reminded him that astronomy fascinated Dante, and indeed, before electric lights, practically all light was celestial. If you think purgatory has lots of light, she promises him, "wait till you get to *Paradiso*!"

Clare Dunsford

Clare Dunsford is an associate dean in the College of Arts & Sciences. Readings of *Purgatorio* II and III are scheduled for February 28 and March 28, respectively, at 7:30 P.M. in Devlin 101. Video streams of past evenings with *Lectura Dantis* can be viewed online at www.bc.edu/frontrow.



Purgatory, from *The Dante Encyclopedia* (2000)

FIFTH QUARTER

THE "HAIL MARY" TEAM, 20 YEARS LATER

Some 65 players and coaches from Boston College's 1984 football team returned to campus over the weekend of November 5–7 to mark the 20th anniversary of the storied season that produced both the "Miracle in Miami" and a victory in the Cotton Bowl. The most successful team since BC won the Sugar Bowl in 1941, the team sent 14 players into the game's professional ranks.

Coach Jack Bicknell had inherited a struggling team when he came to Boston College in 1981. Momentum turned in October when, with the Eagles down 38–0 late in a game against Penn State, he sent in the team's fourth-string quarterback, Doug Flutie '85. "It was like somebody hit a switch and the tempo went up," Bicknell later recalled. Though the game was never in doubt, Flutie passed for 135 yards in less than a quarter.

Three seasons later, the team defeated the University of Houston in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day 1985 by a score of 45–28. But it was the November 23, 1984, game against the University of Miami, in which Flutie's last-second, 48-yard "Hail Mary" touchdown pass to Gerard Phelan delivered a 47–45 victory, that secured the team its place in college football lore.

"That play has lived with me almost every day since it happened," said Phelan '85, now a sales executive for a custom printing firm in Boston.



The 1984 team at the BC-Rutgers game on November 6

"It's remarkable. Rarely a day goes by when someone does not bring it up."

Teammates and coaches traveled from 14 states to attend the Friday evening reunion dinner hosted by the Boston College Athletic Association in Conte Forum. (Flutie, who won the Heisman Trophy as college football's best player in 1984, was one of the few absences. At age 42, he still works weekends, playing football with the San Diego Chargers.) The evening's program included remarks by head football coach Tom O'Brien; athletic director Gene DeFilippo; Chancellor J. Donald Monan, SJ, president of Boston College from 1972 to 1996; former coach Bicknell; and 1984 tri-captain Scott Harrington '85. Harrington reminded his teammates: "We practiced on Shea Field around tire marks in the mud. Fans walked right up behind the bench during games to talk to

the players. Good luck getting another pair of socks if you lost your first ones. Sometimes you had to wait for the girls' track team to finish with the weight room before you could lift."

The following day, the teammates attended the BC-Rutgers football game and assembled on the 50-yard line at halftime to commemorate their anniversary. The current Eagle players wore 1984 throwback uniforms in their honor, and posted a 21–10 victory. The seniors were two years old when Flutie threw the famous pass to Phelan, but they've been able to see the play in countless rebroadcasts on the ESPN Classic network.

Troy Stradford '86, the running back on the 1984 team, doesn't need classic TV to refresh his memory. A sports talk show host on WQAM radio in Miami, his home city since he played with the Dolphins from 1987 to 1990, he said, "Down there

they talk about it all the time."

The two teams combined for nearly 1,300 yards of offense in the contest, which drew the highest college football television rating of the year. The host Hurricanes figured they had won the game when Miami running back Melvin Bratton scored a go-ahead touchdown with 28 seconds remaining. "I bump into Melvin in Miami all the time," said Stradford. "We sit around and reminisce."

Jack Bicknell now coaches the Scottish Claymores in NFL Europe. At the reunion he summarized the 1984 season: "We were tough, we were physical, but boy did we have a lot of fun." Then he added a somber thought as he spoke of the Miami game. "Not long ago, I saw that game replayed on one of the cable networks," he said, "and right at the end of the game, something hit me as I watched Flutie throw the pass and then get carried down the field by Steve Trapilo."

Trapilo '86, who went on to a 10-year career in professional football, died of a heart attack last May at age 39. "I don't know if I will ever be able to watch that game the same way ever again," Bicknell said.

Reid Oslin

Reid Oslin is the senior media relations officer in BC's Office of Public Affairs. "That Championship Season," a video about the 1984 team, can be viewed at www.bc.edu/atbc.

RUN AWAY

How to avoid the plague

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Franco Mormando is an associate professor of Italian at Boston College and originator and cocurator of Hope and Healing: Painting in Italy in a Time of Plague 1500–1800, which will open at the Worcester Art Museum on April 3, 2005. This essay is drawn from the exhibition catalogue.*

Many Italian plague-themed paintings from the early modern period (1500–1800) invite the viewer to meditate on death and final judgment. This meditation, along with prayer, repentance, and charity, were spiritual remedies commonly prescribed by ecclesiastical authorities in time of plague. Temporal remedies were also recommended, of course, including pills, poultices, and potions offered by doctors, pharmacists, superstitious healers, and practitioners of folkloric medicine.

But after centuries of experience with plague, early modern Italians had arrived at the conclusion that the only sure form of protection came neither from divine or human agents, but from the practice of removing oneself from sources of contagion, fleeing infected or possibly infected people, objects, homes, and towns. “Save your money and don’t bother with the remedies of the *fisici* for they are worthless,” advises the 17th-century Florentine librarian-scholar Francesco Rondinelli; while his contemporary, the Roman



The protective clothing worn by a 17th-century plague physician. Etching by Paulus Furst of Nuremberg, Germany, 1656

physician Giovanni Pressi, is obliged to admit that no sure treatment for plague can be identified. Another librarian-scholar, Lodovico Muratori, writes in his *Del governo della peste*, published in Modena in 1714, that most people made recourse to “the pill of the three adverbs” . . . “*Mox, longe, tarde*” as “the most certain and effective remedy and prophylactic known.” That is to say that most people, when confronted by an outbreak of plague, followed the collective

wisdom that counseled “flee immediately” (*cede mox*), “stay far away” (*recede longe*), and “be late in returning” (*redi tarde*).

Not all the inhabitants of an infected city or town had either the means to flee or a suitably isolated, secure place to which to flee, and those who stayed behind had to endure a stringent regime of quarantine. City gates were closed to all but certifiably safe traffic; letters were hung on racks above braziers and fumigated with wood smoke; public assemblies

were prohibited; bonfires were lit to “cleanse” the air; homes in which persons had died of the plague (or were suspected to have died of it) were placed under immediate quarantine; streets, buildings, clothing, and other contaminated surfaces were “disinfected” with vinegar or sulfur or set on fire; beggars and prostitutes were rounded up and confined to hospices for the duration of the epidemic; and dogs were massacred as suspected spreaders of the contagion. In Florence, during the 1630 pandemic, women and children were forbidden to leave home unless they could afford to travel in a sealed carriage. Giovanni Baldinucci, an eyewitness, noted that this regulation “greatly afflicts the [impoverished] women who in hot weather suffer house confinement and deplore this partiality.” In Rome, the unfortunate residents of an entire neighborhood, Trastevere, where the first cases of plague erupted in 1656, found themselves literally walled in overnight by the authorities in a (failed) attempt to prevent the contagion from spreading to the rest of the city.

These remedies were bitterly resented and resisted by the people they were meant to protect. However, no “remedy” provoked more resistance than forced confinement to the *lazzaretto*, the public plague “hospital” where victims of the plague (or suspected victims) were sent to

recover or, the more likely case, to die. The lazzaretti—dirty, malodorous, overcrowded, crime-ridden, unrelievedly wretched—inspired terror. Pressi, who spent many days serving in the lazzaretti of Rome, confessed to diarist Carlo Cartari that he was:

shocked and amazed that people in Rome could actually be laughing, much

less playing music and singing, for if they stayed in [a lazzaretto] for just one day, they would come out very different people and would not feel like laughing any more. . . . All the babies sent there died; at times they were fed goat's milk with sugar to quiet them at night because they cried continuously, while the wailing of the women, who had lost

loved ones, pierced one's heart with compassion.

Muratori, who offers one of the most vivid descriptions of the lazzaretti and their horrors, tells us that they were often run "by people of little or no charity . . . with horrible faces, bizarre dress, and frightening voices," and that the mere thought of being sent there caused people to fall into a "passione straordi-

naria d'animo." And for early modern Italians, there was reason to dread that response itself. As Girolamo Gastaldi, Pope Alexander VII's commissioner of health during the Roman outbreak of 1656, wrote, and as was generally believed, "Even the imagination merely frightened by the plague is enough to bring on the disease."

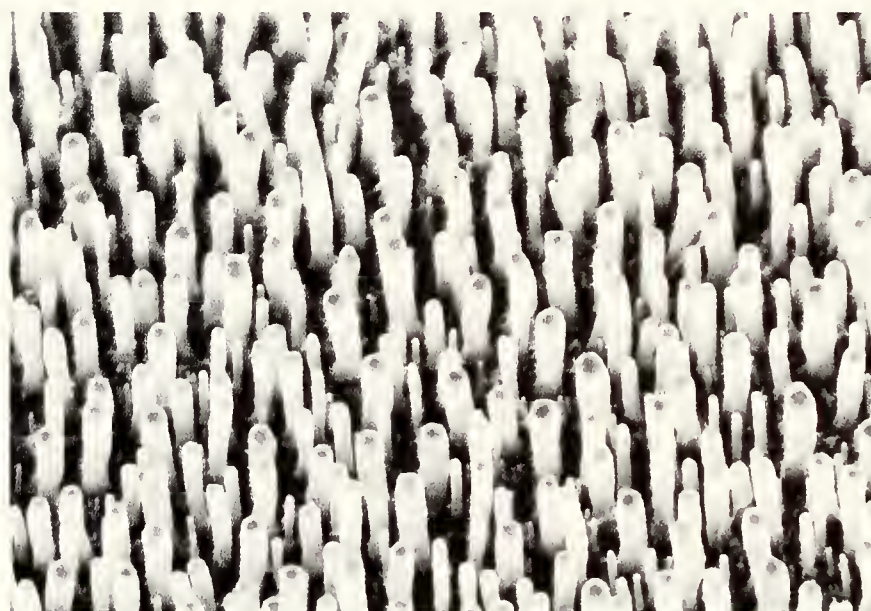
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CATCHING WAVES

An antenna for light

Boston College physicists, working with researchers from the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center and private industry, have created a microscopic antenna that reacts to visible light in much the same way that radio antennas respond to radio waves. The device may have applications for the effort to more efficiently convert solar energy into electricity and could be useful in developing fiber optic wires capable of carrying data at speeds thousands of times faster than current broadband connections allow. The development was reported in the September 27 issue of *Applied Physics Letters* by lead authors Professor Kris Kempa and Yang Wang, a second-year doctoral student.

Light waves, like radio waves, are composed of oscillating electric and magnetic fields. To receive the full breadth of a wave's field, an antenna must be similar in size



Closeup of carbon nanotubes

to the wavelength for which it is intended. Radio waves have tangible wavelengths of three to 300 meters. Visible light wavelengths measure .00000075 of a meter at most. "Nobody had tried [to build an antenna] in optical frequencies," Kempa told BC's *Chronicle*. "Nobody talks about antennas for light."

To make their antenna, the physicists mounted an array of highly conductive carbon nanotubes, measuring one-70th the width of a human hair, on a wafer of silicon. When the wafer was exposed to visible light, a current of electrons, oscillating at one million billion cycles per second, was detected.

Much work remains to be

done on the antenna before it is of practical use, according to Kempa—including development of a valve to admit electrons and then trap them, allowing light energy to be retained. The research team's ultimate goal is to develop a more efficient solar cell. Conventional cells are, at most, 30 percent efficient at converting light to electricity. The team envisions solar cells that could be 80 percent efficient.

BC coauthors on the report were professor Zhifeng Ren; research associate Jakub Rybczynski; lecturer Andrzej Herczynski; Wenzhi Li, a former senior research scientist in Ren's lab; and Kempa's son, Thomas '04, now a Marshall Scholar at Cambridge University. The project was funded by the Natick Army Labs.

Mark Sullivan

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A READER'S NOTES

American journeys



LOST BOY

Kansas Charley: The Boy Murderer, by Joan Jacobs Brumberg MA'71 (Penguin, 2004)

Written with spare style, this is the story of Charley Miller, a nobody who became a minor 19th-century celebrity because he committed capital murder at a young age and was hanged for it. Born in a Manhattan tenement in 1874, Charley Miller lived a childhood that could have powered a Dickens novel: the death of his mother (of what may have been a botched abortion) when he was five, and his father's subsequent suicide by poison; this followed by harsh orphanage treatment, placements with families looking to adopt a boy who would be happy working hard in field or factory, a stint in jail for petty theft, silly self-baptism with the outlaw sobriquet "Kansas Charley," and a hobo's flight West to become a cowboy. And then, in a rolling boxcar just over the Wyoming border, the 15-year-old boy rather inexplicably shot two young men in the head while they slept and took a few of their meager valuables. Two years of public wrangling over his fate followed, with lawyers, judges, ministers, cattle barons,

and temperance advocates all getting into the mix, debating the nature of guilt, leniency, and childhood. All of this was reported on, and fomented, by a delighted press. Brumberg is a lucid guide, informative on subjects ranging from 19th-century views of bed-wetters to how a gallows rope was prepared. A faculty member at Cornell, she previously published an award-winning history of anorexia, and she attempts to tie Charley Miller's story to current American struggles with ideas of guilt, leniency, and childhood, particularly in light of the Columbine murders and contemporary efforts by prosecutors to try children as adults. The intrusions don't work. The sinuous narrative shrugs them off and keeps moving, and we follow. An excerpt from Brumberg's book, recounting the last hours of Kansas Charley's life, begins on page 20.



COMING OF AGE

Asian American X: An Intersection of 21st Century Asian American Voices, edited by Arar Han '03 and John Hsu (Michigan, 2004)

In 2001 a Harvard undergraduate named Justin Fong published a sardonic essay in the *Harvard Crimson* in which he

castigated his fellow Asian students for behaving in ways that supported views of Asian-Americans as "the model minority." Fong was excoriated by other Asian students, the normally chippy *Crimson* apologized to its readers twice, and Arar Han, then a BC sophomore, became one of a few respondents to the story who (in a letter to the *Crimson*) called for a more considered exploration of the curious ways in which personal and cultural (if not racial) identities intersect for young Asians rooted on these shores. This book, which Han began that same year and which she edited with a young Harvard graduate she's known since high school, contains 35 responses to that call, some eloquent, some jargony, some funny, some sad. The result is a gridlock of ideas and emotions (the word "intersection" in the title seems well chosen), an effect that is heightened by the fact that these contributors are young enough to be preoccupied with how to be men and women, sons and daughters, beautiful and homely, passionate and coolheaded, and they haven't yet got the steady hands it takes to sort these strands and lay bare the crackling nerves that connect who we are and where we come from. Some of the publicity attendant upon this book has compared it to Eric Liu's *The Accidental Asian* and Richard Rodriguez's *The Hunger for Memory*. Not yet. But just wait.



SEA-TOSSED

Sail Away Ladies: Stories of Cape Cod Women in the Age of Sail, by Jim Coogan '66 (Harvest Home, 2003 and 2005)

The retired high school teacher who writes gentle books about local history is a cherished American cultural figure, and this book illustrates why. Coogan, a native of Cape Cod who spent nearly 30 years on the faculty of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, uses public records and letters and diaries to build brief chapters about the experiences of a dozen 19th-century wives who chose to accompany their captain-husbands on sea voyages. The dangers—loneliness, pirates, illness, storms, frequent sightings of drunk and/or naked men, and the errant wave that sweeps a boy away from his mother and overboard, "his little face and hands [visible] just above the water" as he disappears in the ship's wake—are all here, as is the love, stubbornness, bravery (and ignorance) that allowed these women to lay their lives in balance against a husband's protracted absence. Coogan has a fine eye for the way people try to anchor a life that's being swept along by wind and currents, such as the happy practice of investing a child

born at sea with the middle name of “Seaborn” or “Woodhull,” and the sad practice of carrying a dead infant home in a jar of alcohol for baptism and burial in consecrated ground.



MASTER'S VOICE

The Easiest Thing in the World: The Uncollected Fiction of George V. Higgins, edited by Matthew J. Bruccoli (Carroll & Graf, 2004)

Higgins '61, JD'67, published nearly 30 books, of which the best known was *The Friends of Eddie Coyle* (1971). This volume contains three novellas and a dozen short stories divided among previously published works and typescripts that turned up in Higgins's papers, which went to the University of South Carolina on his death in 1999. The first story begins: “Barbara Harkness Kendrick asked me to handle her divorce because, she said, I was a friend of the family. If this had been true, it would have been the worst of all possible reasons. Since it wasn't true, it was merely the worst of available explanations.” This is a voice—sad, knowing, intelligent—that you can trust with your time.

Ben Birubbaum

A list of recently published books by alumni, students, and faculty has been posted on the BCM website at bc.edu/bcm/readerslist, and will be maintained there. Publishing houses and authors are invited to send books or book announcements to the editors.

HIGH TEA WITH MISS JULIANNA

by Paul Mariani

“Begin at the beginning,” the King said gravely, “and go on till you come to the end: then stop.”

In the land of the JubJub together they had tea. High tea, one has to understand, six cups of imaginary tea, the good Miss Julianna Frances, aged two and a half, and her grandfather, sixty-four. “How do you do this afternoon, Miss Julianna,” he began, good manners there in JubJub Land being understood and *de rigueur* between the Professor and his finical little Queen. Sporting diapers beneath her summer dress, she poured her airy tea in cups with such finesse they might've been in Queen Victoria's drawing room instead of in his modest parlor. “Might I presume upon you, my lady dear, for yet another piece of cake?” “Oh, sure,” she too demurely said. “But let me bake it first. It will only take one minute.” I.e., one minute in her understanding, for they had time within it for another cup or two or four or six or three of Miss Julianna's very best imaginary tea, and time for her to sit upon his lap so he might read her all about the Midnight Land of JubJub and then confer together about the best way to pick the naughty dirt from between their toes, or which of her many skirts her dolly, coincidentally named for Daddy John, should wear, and which chair he should sit upon if Daddy John were to be invited to partake of tea with them, together with a second piece of cake, which was humming along just fine in the imaginary oven in the slowly darkening room. High tea on a Sunday afternoon at summer's end, sweet credences of summer. How better to spend an hour, a day, a year? And Alice leading down the rabbit hole, and him following into JubJub town, and all cares left behind now, as the little girl—who would not be little long—beckoned towards the still-enchanted wood.

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A boy's end

KANSAS CHARLEY'S LAST NIGHT

On the night before he died, Charley Miller knew that he could count on Sheriff Kelley to bring him as many fresh doughnuts as he wanted. Everyone in the Laramie County Jail was being especially nice and accommodating, because they knew he would be dead before noon the next day. As the boy envisioned the sweet warmth of his favorite doughnuts, he tried not to think about the thick hemp rope and scaffold waiting outside his jail cell.

The year was 1892, and the place Cheyenne, capital city of the new state of Wyoming. Charley Miller was small and fair-haired with steely blue eyes—an orphan from New York City, who had been calling himself “Kansas Charley” for a number of years. Equipped with this cocky nickname and a stylish black felt hat, he began at 14 to tramp the country on his own, looking for both work and adventure. Instead, at 15, he killed two boys in a Union Pacific boxcar and was sentenced to death for that crime in a Wyoming court, after a short but well-publicized trial. By the night of April 21, 1892, the eve of his execution, Miller was 17. He had been confined to the Laramie County Jail for nearly a year and a half, and he was so accustomed to the place that it felt like the home he had longed for but never really had.

Despite his horrible crime, and the ways in which he was demonized by the press, Charley was popular with both his jailers and fellow inmates. There were some good times with Deputy Sharpless, whose job it now was to watch him and keep him occupied on the final evening of his life. Oscar Sharpless was a Civil War veteran who had survived some hard times himself. When he arrived at the boy's cell that evening for the “death watch,” Charley was sitting on his cot playing one of his two harmonicas. He was fond of composing poems and ballads and putting them to music, so Sharpless sat down to listen before they began a card game of Seven Up.

Sharpless noted that the walls of the cell were covered with clippings from newspapers: engravings of men on horses; advertisements with pictures of the most fashionable new shoes, topcoats, and mustache waxes; illustrated covers from the popular dime novels that Charley liked to read. There were also some elaborately decorated, handmade signs, with sayings such as “Home Sweet Home” and “What Is Home Without a Mother?”

When the songs were over, the boy showed the deputy his latest creation, a poem written for Sheriff Kelley and copied into an autograph book—the kind young people Charley's age carried around for collecting signatures and sentimental verses. Instead of “roses are red, violets are blue,” Sharpless read:

They talk about daring exploits
Which they say I have done,
And keep right on talking
'Cause I am to be hung.

Now tell me which is worse,
With your own will and breath.
Don't speak too fast, but—
Life sentence or death?

Charley had been telling people lately that he preferred hanging to confinement in the penitentiary, but in his final poem he begged Sheriff Kelley to make sure that the execution was speedy—that it would not hurt:

All I ask of Sheriff Kelley
That is to do his work good;
And not have me suffering
In this western neighborhood.

With the reading over, Sharpless suggested that Charley cut the deck and start playing cards as a way of passing time. As they played, the boy alternated between doughnuts, which he gulped down quickly, and cigarettes, smoked intensely until their heat burned his hand. At one point, he stopped to clean off his sticky fingers and wondered aloud if the governor of Wyoming might yet grant him clemency in the final hour. Sharpless, eating a doughnut himself, said little in response, but at the end of the third hand, when the score was Sharpless six, Miller three, he proposed a wager that would be a good distraction for his tense and frightened charge. “Your chances for life are shown by the standing of this game,” he told Charley. “If you win [tonight] your sentence will be commuted. If you lose you will be hanged.” The two played on until midnight,



A "pen portrait" of Charley Miller that appeared in the *New York World* on April 23, 1892, the day after his execution

and the boy was buoyed when he won eight games in succession.

Despite the diversion, Charley was never really hopeful. Before the evening was out, he admitted to Sharpless: "I think the die is cast, that I shall be hanged tomorrow, but I want here and now to say that Kansas Charley will walk to the doom which cruel fate has made necessary with as much firmness and composure as he would go to a wedding."

When the deputy finally left, Charley did one more thing before going to sleep. Using some of the old brown paper sacks that he saved for composing and drawing, he assembled the belongings that made up his small "estate"—the cards, a wooden key, a nail from a horseshoe, a cup, Bible, clothes brush, and such—and sorted them into bundles marked with the names of people important to him. In the end Charley honored the connections he had made in Cheyenne: He addressed the bundles to Sheriff Kelley, to

O.B. Sharpless and two other deputies, to fellow inmates and a reporter for the *Cheyenne Daily Sun*. With this accomplished, he changed into his nightclothes and went to bed.

The following morning, Charley was executed by the state of Wyoming. A gallery of invited guests watched his slight body—he only stood about five feet four inches tall and weighed less than 120 pounds—drop with great velocity, and then jerk upward, until he was strangled and his neck broken. It was the first execution in the history of the new state, the first legal execution in Wyoming since the 1870s.

A newspaper in Cheyenne recognized how unique the case was: "The criminal history of America discloses no parallel case to that of Charley Miller. It will ever remain a question as to whether the ends of justice have been satisfied by hanging him. It can safely be said that young Miller never enjoyed the comforts or was surrounded by the civilizing influences of a Christian home, but at the same time it is equally true that the fault was his alone." Oscar Sharpless walked to the scaffold behind Charley. "I know it is justice," the veteran said to some others who watched the execution. "I have been in 36 battles and have seen my comrades fall by my side, but this hurts me worst of all."

WHO WAS Charley Miller? How and why did a boy his age come to be hanged in Cheyenne? These and many other questions followed me from the moment I first saw a 10-line notice of his execution in the *New York World* of April 23, 1892. I was poking around in 19th-century newspapers in the Cornell University Library looking for evidence of youthful homicide in the American past. It was only a few days after the tragic school shooting at Jonesboro, Arkansas, in 1998, and I was motivated by a question posed by students in my class on the "History of American Childhood": "Were there ever boy murderers before?"

Within weeks of that provocative question, I would find dozens. But Kansas Charley Miller, whose picture was published on the front pages of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Rocky Mountain News* (Denver), *Chicago Daily Tribune*, and *New York World*, and whose terse, gruff assertions—in interviews, on the witness stand, and in poems—survived him, would become, to this historian, more than just a name.

Joan Jacobs Brumberg

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CURTAIN CALL

BY CARA FEINBERG

**A small theater can be a risky, lonely,
and, some would say, irresistible business**

FOUR YEARS AGO, in New York City, Chris Ajemian '97 and Charlie Veprek '00 founded 1863, inc., a theater company. It was, at the start, a weekend endeavor. Both founders held on to their day jobs, and with every new production, the theater's location changed. Today, when the two talk about the company, they describe it as "dormant," or "on hiatus." Their website lists "Current Projects," but the most recent event is a casting call from July 2003.

As Ajemian and Veprek learned, there's no direct route to starting a theater company. The way that an aspiring impresario or group of stagestruck friends learns the requisite roles—artistic director and business director, office manager and fundraiser, usher, marketer, janitor, and labor mediator—is usually the hard way. Over the past 10 years or so, a handful of BC graduates have made the attempt. For some, it has become their life's work.

WHEN AJEMIAN and Veprek first talked about starting their company, they laid out big dreams on a yellow legal pad. "It was going to be a four-story building," said Ajemian, who named the group after the street address of the off-campus residence where he'd lived as a BC student. There was talk of changing the name, said Veprek, but nothing better ever stuck.

Over brunch in a Greenwich Village bistro one wintry weekend, Ajemian and Veprek reminisced about 1863, inc. With them was Michael Salerno '00, who joined the com-

pany in 2002. All three friends were BC theater majors; Ajemian was a teaching assistant when Veprek and Salerno took Introduction to Theater. From his book bag, Ajemian produced the wrinkled sketch that came out of the founders' initial brainstorming session—a document that Veprek had long presumed M.I.A. "The top floor would be for administration," Ajemian explained. "The next one would be rehearsal studios. There'd be two floors of performance space."

"And there'd be a radio tower on top," Veprek recalled, smiling, "for broadcasts and radio plays."

Their first production, an experimental, multimedia dance/theater/musical piece written by Ajemian entitled *Negative Space*, was performed at a site they found advertised on the Web as a "large performance area." It turned out to be the vacant third floor of a deli in Rockefeller Center, with jade-green tile floors, an overwhelming aroma of rotting garbage, and an eight-foot-wide faux-mahogany planter filled with potted plants that sat, too heavy to move, in the middle of the floor. "But it was free," said Ajemian. "All they asked for was half the box office."

The show had two short runs: one at the deli, and another—a step up—at the Ontological-Hysteric Theatre, an off-off-Broadway black-box theater in St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery. The actors—who'd answered audition notices placed in *Playbill Online* and *Backstage*—were paid with one-month Metrocards, the only wage the founders could afford; Ajemian and Veprek earned nothing. The production re-

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Vincent Lancisi (center) of Everyman Theatre, Baltimore; improv at Amy Poehler's Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, New York City; set of Everyman's *The Drawer Boy*; Paul Daigneault (left) of Speakeasy Stage, Boston; Amy Poehler; fight scene rehearsal, Speakeasy production of *Johnny Guitar*



FROM LEFT: Charlie Veprek, Michael Salerno, and Chris Ajemian

“We didn’t have enough profit to go nonprofit.”

CHARLIE VEPREK '00, COFOUNDER OF I863, INC.

ceived one good review on a website called OffOffOff.com, which praised the show as “an ingenious way to take what looked like a big eyesore at first and turn it into a beauty mark.” There were no bad reviews published; in fact, there were no other reviews.

Over the course of the next two years, the two founders and Salerno raised thousands of dollars, mostly from friends and family, and produced five plays in reputable performance spaces like the HERE Arts Center in SoHo, and the Eugene O’Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Connecticut, where, after college, Ajemian had attended the advanced directing program. The three worked project to project, regrouping whenever creativity struck. “We had a million and one ideas for things we wanted to do,” said Veprek, now a senior copywriter for the advertising firm Hill, Holliday. The group thought about writing a mission statement, he

said, but dropped the notion as too confining—“we didn’t want to rule anything out.”

In addition to producing plays, they began a project to film all 154 of Shakespeare’s sonnets recited at various locations around the city. (They shot 60 hours of footage before putting the film on hold; it now sits, unedited, in the back of Veprek’s closet.) They looked into becoming a nonprofit corporation—the “inc.” in the company’s name being purely for show—but the required paperwork, lawyers, and board of directors changed their minds. “We didn’t have enough profit to go nonprofit,” said Veprek.

In late 2001, the company posted advertisements on Playbill.com, Craig’s List, and in its own performance programs announcing the launch of a workshop for beginning and professional artists. One ad, designed by Veprek, was a

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DRAMATIS PERSONAL

More alumni and student scene setters

ACCESS THEATER

New York City

Jaqueline Christy '88

Jaqueline Christy entered the off-off-Broadway world through diamond-plate steel doors. While a graduate theater student at Villanova University in the late 1980s, the actress/director/writer worked at a concrete company. Business was booming, with thousands of water and sewer pumping stations being built to meet federal environmental mandates. Yet, Christy noticed, only three manufacturers in the country were producing the stations' access doors—the type of flat steel hatches often found in city sidewalks. Christy had an idea.

Within a year, the slight, five-foot-three actress and an engineer friend were producing access doors with a manufacturing company in Queens. Two years later, in 1992, with a half-dozen employees and a contract to supply the Denver International Airport, the Access Door Company leased the fifth floor of an abandoned New York City warehouse. The turn-of-the-century building in TriBeCa became headquarters for the door company; it would also become the home of Christy's next business venture, Access Theater. Christy and a team of volunteers renovated the space, knocking down walls and building new ones and installing the rigging for a black-box theater. After a year of running both businesses, Christy sold her share of the door company and signed herself on as Access Theater's first full-time employee. BC classmates Ellen Daschbach '88 and Jacquie Brogan '88 later joined her to help manage the theater, and the three have dedicated themselves to producing works by emerging New York City artists.

Today, Access Theater offers two performance spaces: the 60-seat black-box theater, and a 1,500-square-foot rehearsal gallery next door. The theater has launched several artists whose projects have gone on to reach a wider audience: *Tape*, a play by Stephen Belber that premiered at Access, became a feature film starring Uma Thurman and Ethan Hawke; playwright Tom McCarthy '88, who staged his first play, *The Killing Act*, at Access, met actor Peter Dinklage during the production. McCarthy later cast Dinklage as the star of his 2003 feature film, *The Station Agent*, which won three awards at the Sundance Film Festival.

AMNESIA WARS THEATER COMPANY

New York City

Rob Reese '92

Over the last 12 years, Rob Reese has been a sketch comedian, an improv instructor, a director, producer, set designer, theater technician, playwright, television writer, and theater company founder. He has also been a bike messenger, taxi driver, furniture mover, and office temp.

As a BC freshman, Reese cofounded the campus sketch troupe, Hello...Shovelhead. After graduation, he earned a spot in Chicago's Second City Training Center and spent the next four years studying with the likes of Del Close of ImprovOlympic and performing with rising comedians such as future *Saturday Night Live* players Tina Fey and Amy Poehler '93. But, says Reese, "After a certain point, you reevaluate the dream. . . . Out of 1,000 people, Second City [main stage] hires six."

On the last day of 1996, Reese moved to New York City. There he eventually placed an ad in the trade magazine *Backstage* and held auditions for a new ensemble theater troupe, Amnesia Wars. ("The name represents the ephemerality of improv and the battle to forget everything you know," he said in an interview at a Midtown coffee shop. Smiling, he added, "I knew an 'A' name put us in the front of the phone book.")

Since the late 1990s, Reese's troupe of four to 10 players has produced everything from a long-form improv show called *Psycheroticproviolicyesandsomthinvooodoo*, to Reese's own adaptation of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Amnesia Wars appears semi-frequently in New York at the Peoples Improv Theater (the PIT), several off-off-off-Broadway theaters, and in the back room of the Park Side Lounge, a dive bar on Houston Street. The group has also performed at the Amsterdam International Improv Festival and the Harare International Theatre Festival in Zimbabwe.

The company's latest show, Reese's own *Keanu Reeves Saves the Universe*, enjoyed two six-week sold-out runs last year and will likely open again this spring at the PIT. This time, Reese is looking for investors and professional producing partners. "Every project brings the full-time writer/producer dream closer," he says. "If *Keanu* works out as I hope, maybe this will be the year."

BUZZWORKS THEATER COMPANY

Los Angeles

Andrea Beutner Hutchman '88

In Los Angeles, live theater is considered the “lesser cousin of ‘the Industry,’” says Andrea Hutchman, whose itinerant theater company, Buzzworks, performs in various city venues. “It’s not a place where actors get noticed for sitcoms, and no one makes big bucks.”

For Buzzworks, this year will be a proving ground. The company, like many of the city’s residents, is a transplant, and the challenge is to grow roots. Buzzworks was born in 1992 in Minneapolis, where Hutchman (then called “Buzz” for her closely shorn hairstyle) had moved with a group of BC friends, fellow alumni of the campus improv group My Mother’s Fleabag. With two new acquaintances, Hutchman cofounded Buzzworks, originally as a “vanity project,” she says. “We were actors who wanted a place to act.” She gradually began finding outside acting work—in local theater and TV commercials—but she continued to develop the company. “To me, creating and running a nonprofit became an art in itself,” she said in a telephone interview. “I began to love it differently from acting, I wanted it to grow.”

In 1996, Hutchman followed an acting job to Los Angeles, and she and her Minnesota partners ran separate arms of Buzzworks. But the companies were growing in different directions—Minnesota continued to produce more traditional plays, L.A. searched out the new. Last year, they separated; Buzzworks, with its staff of one (Hutchman), is now managed out of Hutchman’s L.A. home.

“This will be a new version of Buzzworks,” says Hutchman, who recently mined her West Coast contacts and put together a board of directors drawn from the artistic and business communities. She has organized several fundraising events, including a flea market. A six-week show costs a minimum of \$20,000 to stage, she says, without paying the cast. “We’ve done 10 plays out here already, but in many ways our next play, in February, will be our first,” Hutchman says. Buzzwork’s production of William Inge’s 1950 play *Come Back, Little Sheba*—the setting shifted from the Midwest to a tawdry North Hollywood—opens on February 17th at the Whitefire Theater in Sherman Oaks, California.

AFTER HOURS THEATER

Boston College

Madeline Long '05 and Jennifer Boarini '05

Last spring, junior theater majors Madeline Long and Jennifer Boarini cofounded the After Hours Theater on the Boston College campus. Like more-established performance groups at BC—the Dramatics Society, the Contemporary Theater, and the comedy troupes My Mother’s Fleabag and Hello...Shovelhead—After Hours relies on student talent for directors, producers, designers, and actors. Long and Boarini’s group, however, is dedicated to producing short, student-written scripts.

While the Dramatics Society has sponsored readings of students’ plays and, this winter, associate theater professor Scott Cummings will direct two full-scale, hour-long student one-acts, as theater major Elizabeth Bouchard '06 explains, “After Hours is the only place where you can submit original shorter work and have it performed as a real production.” Bouchard’s 10-minute play, *Rings of Life*, was produced last fall, one of four scripts selected for After Hours’ second-ever show. “It is a brand-new opportunity,” Bouchard says, and “people are jumping at it.” Last September, when the company’s core members—Long, Boarini, Bouchard, and Lindsey Steffen '07—sent an e-mail through the theater department’s listserv and posted flyers in Robsham Theater seeking scripts for the fall quartet, they received 35 submissions.

The plays are staged with minimal sets—a few strategically placed chairs, a small table, a tree crafted from construction paper. Rehearsals take place in empty classrooms. A meeting arranged by Long and Boarini with theater professors last spring led to a deal to use the Bonn Studio, the small black-box performance space behind the Robsham Theater, for shows scheduled “after hours,” that is, when other performance groups no longer needed the space. Long and Boarini secured a 10:30 P.M. time slot, and, in the process, a name for their company.

Few aside from the artists’ friends knew about the group when they first performed last spring. For their second production, the 200-seat theater was packed. A video of one of the plays presented in the fall, *Clam and Hershel Go to the Market* by Crystal Gomes '05, can be viewed at the BCM website, www.bc.edu/bcm.

—CARA FEINBERG



Paul Daigneault

“People associate a company with a location. They won’t chase you all over the city.”

PAUL DAIGNEAULT '87, FOUNDER OF THE SPEAKEASY STAGE

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handwritten note scrawled across an office telephone message pad: “You came here to be an artist. So be one.”

The workshop, convened at the O’Neill Theater, earned high praise from participants. Over the course of two years,

nearly 70 writers, actors, directors, designers, dancers, and musicians from the New York community signed up, most of them young, struggling artists like the founders. During two-and-a-half-day sessions, attendees were divided into three groups; each would write a play in a day, then pass it on to another group to rehearse and perform the next. The idea, said Ajemian, is that “the participants see all sides of the theater experience. They create, perform, and watch.”

Gradually, though, the founders’ outside lives got busier, and 1863, inc. projects became secondary; Ajemian signed a development deal to write a dramatic television series (as yet, unproduced) for Paramount Television; a promotion at work and a friend’s illness absorbed Veprek’s time; and Salerno entered Yeshiva University’s Cardozo School of Law. Since November 2003, the 1863, inc. company has been idle, its principals meeting solely as friends. The three laugh when they talk about their bold ideas. “At one point, we’d dreamed up a whole campus,” said Ajemian. “It was the long-term ideal.” He hopes there will be another company in his future; Veprek and Salerno aren’t sure. Now in their mid to late twenties, they all have other priorities, but as they point out, theater dreams die hard. “This was our first endeavor and we learned a lot,” said Salerno. “It is incredibly hard to keep something like this going.”

PAUL DAIGNEAULT '87 and Vincent Lancisi '84 know precisely how difficult the struggle is.

Each started a theater company in the early 1990s, and each has succeeded in keeping his stage lit.

Daigneault’s Boston-based company, The Speakeasy Stage, has spent the last 14 years in a small (142-seat) the-

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DEDICATED TO IMPROVING URBAN EDUCATION

If, as H.G. Wells once wrote, "human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe," then Marilyn Cochran-Smith, professor of education and director of the doctoral program in curriculum and instruction at BC's Lynch School of Education, is doing all she can to ensure that education wins. Deeply affected by her experiences while attending an urban high school, Cochran-Smith has worked ever since to improve the chances of disadvantaged students and their families.

"Both the problems and possibilities of urban education became very clear to me early on in my life," Cochran-Smith explains. "I saw firsthand that if you're poor, or an immigrant, or a minority, you simply don't get the education that others do."

An internationally recog-

LEE PELLEGRINI



Marilyn Cochran-Smith and John E. Cawthorne

nized expert in the fields of teacher training and urban education, she was recently named the first holder of BC's John E. Cawthorne Chair in Teacher Education for Urban Schools.

Endowed by the Mahoney fami-

ly (Jay Mahoney '69, his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Erin '02), the chair honors John Cawthorne, associate dean for students and outreach at the Lynch School.

"I was so honored and

pleased to be named the first John E. Cawthorne chair," says Cochran-Smith, "particularly because the chair recognizes a man whose work I have long admired. The chair speaks to BC's dedication to students in urban settings, making a strong statement of BC's leadership in the field."

An award-winning author, Cochran-Smith serves as the president of the American Educational Research Association and editor of the Lynch School's *Journal of Teacher Education*.

Of the uphill battles she often faces while trying to improve urban education? "There isn't any choice but to remain committed," Cochran-Smith insists. "Our democracy depends on everyone having access to a good education. I fundamentally believe in that."

An inspiring legacy

He didn't seek the limelight, but he did seek to foster community and understanding. So on October 12, 2004, when the Lower Campus Dining Facility—one of BC's most popular gathering places—was formally named the John M. Corcoran Commons in memory of John Corcoran '48, his brother Leo could confidently say, "We think John would be pleased to have his name linked to a destination where students come together in a spirit of camaraderie. Promoting fellowship and un-

derstanding was important to him." It was, in fact, Corcoran's desire to enhance interfaith understanding that motivated his gift of the foundational endowment for the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College.

Corcoran, who died in 2003, did not grow up a child of privilege. Long before he and his brother Leo founded the successful John M. Corcoran & Co. real estate development firm, he knew about struggle. One of eight children, he became a decorated World War II hero,

then worked 40 hours a week shoveling coal while attending Boston College.

Besides all that he did for BC—founding the Real Estate Council of Boston College, serving eight years on the Board of Trustees and nine more as a trustee associate—perhaps what the University

cherishes most is that Corcoran exemplified the Ignatian ideal of being "a man for others." Leo Corcoran and his wife, Helen, gave the gift to memorialize John so that future generations of students may be inspired as they pass through Corcoran Commons to achieve this same ideal.

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Dear Boston College/Newton College Alumnus/a:

A new year is upon us, with all of its promise for new opportunities to engage and strengthen your connection with alma mater. As we at the Alumni Association continue to carry out our core objectives of implementing a national chapter program, developing a new graphic identity system, connecting students with alumni and enhancing Reunion Weekend programming, we look forward to creating many memorable ways for you to renew your relationship with Boston College. We are starting off the new year with a newly redesigned Website, so if you haven't been to www.bc.edu/alumni recently, I hope you will take an opportunity to do so soon. It's a great way to stay up to date on alumni news and events.

The winter has been a busy one for us, both here at the Heights and around the country. More than 900 alumni, family members and friends transformed Newton Campus into a Winter Wonderland in early December. This family-friendly event – with sleigh rides, holiday craft making, photos with Santa and entertainment for kids – is quickly becoming a new Boston College tradition. Thanks to the Boston Chapter and co-leaders JR Craven '96 and Kim O'Neil '97 for their assistance in co-hosting this event with the Alumni Association. As exciting as new traditions are, we are also grateful for the Boston College traditions that have been in place for years. In early March, for the 54th year in a row, we celebrated Laetare Sunday at a Mass presided by University President William P. Leahy, SJ. This Mass has been celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent for centuries, and we were pleased to provide an opportunity yet again for the BC community to participate in this time-honored tradition.

As we look ahead to the spring, we are excited about the prospect of seeing many of you at the Alumni Evening at the Arts Festival on Saturday, April 30, 2005, as well as at Reunion Weekend, scheduled for June 2-5, 2005. No matter how long you've been away from the Heights, be it 10 months or 10 years, you are sure to find reunion to be a meaningful way to reconnect with Boston College. We have a diverse schedule of events designed to appeal to alumni of all ages (see page 40 of Class Notes for a preview), and the class parties on Saturday night are always a wonderful way to reminisce and relax with friends old and new. To stay informed on all Reunion Weekend festivities, please visit www.bc.edu/reunion. For more information on reunion giving, please go to www.bc.edu/bcfund.

Also this spring, our National Board of Directors is conducting its annual election. Kudos to Nominating Committee Chair Tom Flannery '81 and Chair-Elect Dawn McNair '82, MEd '83 for compiling a diverse slate of candidates for this year's election. Please turn to page 32 for more information, and be sure to return your ballot, included in this magazine, by April 15, 2005. The election is your opportunity to help shape the future of the Alumni Association, so I hope you will take the time to vote.

In the last issue, I announced Alumni Conversations, a new book discussion program we are offering to alumni in conjunction with the inaugural Freshman Convocation held in September 2004. I encourage you to pick up a copy of the first book, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder, and go to www.bc.edu/alumni to view discussion questions intended to enrich your appreciation of the book. This profile of a life dedicated to service is an inspiration to all of us to find more opportunities in 2005 to be "men and women for others."

Thank you to all of you who made 2004 such a successful year for Boston College and for the Alumni Association. We value your dedication to this vibrant community and look forward to a rewarding new year.

Ever to Excel,

Grace Cotter Regan '82

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The son of **Joseph G. Brennan** informs us that his father passed away at the age of 93 in late October 2004. He had taught for 30 years at Barnard College in New York City. He had also taught at the Naval War College in Newport, RI, where he started a philosophy program.

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The members of our volleyball team continue to do amazing things. One of them recently won the 110-yard hurdles at the track meet for 75-year-olds in Camden, NJ, sponsored by the Funeral Directors Association of New Jersey. We cannot tell you his name because he is one of those members of the team who retired from state service on disability pension many years ago and retirement officials tend to be unreasonable. On the serious side, since our last report we have lost three valued members of our class: **Milton Borenstein**, **Tom Dowling** and **Eddie O'Brien** from Dorchester (we had three Eddie O'Briens in the class). Milt did untold

good for his alma mater by representing Boston College at its best in the Jewish community, in which he played a leading role, including his leadership in his synagogue, Congregation Kehillath Israel in Brookline. He was successful in his law practice, generous to BC and an outstanding fundraiser for the Harvard Law School. Eddie O'Brien's career is an example of dedication and quiet success. To begin with, he made it through the BC Law School during the depression to become a Triple Eagle. Next, he gave three-and-a-half years to the Army in World War II, entering as a private and coming out as an officer, and finally spent 40 years with the Boston Housing Authority, where he rose to the top as management supervisor. All this, and he sent two sons to Boston College, Ed Jr. ('71) and James ('73). Tom Dowling was far away for many years, living and working in Bessemer, MI, the hometown of his wife, Anne, but his niece, Joanne Dowling ('75) writes, "Even during the 25 years he lived in Michigan, he was an avid BC football fan. He read the magazine from cover to cover and he would often tell young family members about his wonderful days at BC. He would very much like having his passing noted in the *BC Magazine*."

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You know how at political conventions they call the roll of the states to cast their vote. Well, when the alumni office calls the roll of the classes for class notes, when they come to '36 I will have to respond, "The Class of 1936 passes!" All of which adds up to no notes for this issue. And speaking of conventions and the election reminds me of the very first lecture I had as a freshman: "The public duty of every educated man is to vote," given by the young Fr. Ecker, SJ. I will welcome any and all notes from classmates. Hope all had a merry Christmas and have a happy, healthy and great 2005.

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Greetings! As I write these notes – on December 2, 2004 – most of us are lamenting BC's loss of a "big bowl" football game and the threat of snow. But let's put that aside. The good news is headed by the advent of Christmas and by the expectation that when you read these notes, spring will be in the air, flowers will be popping up and the days will be getting longer. This last expectation, of course, may be more important to our "greatest generation," as our night vision

is less and less good and wild nights are probably a thing of the past (for some of us). On the positive side, the statistical fact that we are 1918ers as well as BC '39ers gives us a special connection to the Red Sox identity as World Series Champions. For the moment we can put aside the fact that when they last won this title – 1918 – we were diapered, sometimes crying, babes. But Babe Ruth was named after us and we grew up trying to emulate his baseball skills. OK, this ends the space-filling assignment. The really important news is, unfortunately, sad news. Just two weeks ago the *Boston Globe* reported in a prominent article the sudden death of our classmate, **Arthur Sullivan**. Most of us knew and admired Arthur both as a fellow student and as a loyal and active member of our class alumni activities. But as the *Globe* pointed out in its obituary column, he was widely respected as a physician who cared for his hundreds of patients and who was loved by them. And the newspaper photo not only captured his good looks but the perennial bow tie. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to his wife, Mary, and to his children, grandchildren and relatives. His death reminds us not only of our own physical mortality but of the health problems presently being experienced by some of our classmates and/or their wives. Let's keep them, too, in our prayers. Peace!

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Congratulations to **Dick Powers** on the appointment of his sons, Richard ('67) and John ('73), as Boston College trustees. Richard and John made an endowment gift to name the Fulton Hall atrium in honor of Dick and his wife, Mary. Richard is a co-chair of the Wall Street Council and the Parents' Council. John is the chair of the Boston College Fund. John was interviewed about the impact BC has had on his life for an article that appeared in the Fall 2004 issue of *Boston College Magazine*.

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In August, at its meeting in Atlanta, GA, the American Bar Association gave **Bob Drinan** its top award. Other recipients included seven US Supreme Court justices and individuals notable in the administration of justice. Bob is also to be congratulated on the publication of his 11th book, *Can God and Caesar Coexist? Balancing Religious Freedom and International Law*. • It is with sincere sadness that I report the death of **Dick Ferriter** on August 29, 2004. Dick had an outstanding career both as a US Marine during World War II and as an attorney in civilian life. His military service included campaigns at

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Saipan, Okinawa and Nagasaki, Japan. Among those present at his funeral Mass were Helen and **Jim Stanton**, **Frank Dever** and yours truly. Our sympathies go out to his widow, Eleanor, and their five children. • **Dan Barrett** died on November 3, 2004. Dan was very active in the Boston College Music Club, playing the sousaphone in the band, the bass in the dance band and the stringed bass in the orchestra and singing in the Glee Club. In 1972, he was appointed pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Ayer. The class extends its sincerest sympathies to his sister, Mary B., a Notre Dame nun, his brother, Robert F., his sister-in-law, Lucretia Anne, his four nieces and his 11 grandnieces and nephews. Both Dan and Dick will be remembered at our annual memorial Mass next June. • Now let me take you briefly down Memory Lane. Four years ago **Ray Chaisson** had his hockey jersey retired. **Bill Duggan** celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary. The Lynch School of Education was dedicated. • And now, my prayers are that each of you and your family had a very blessed Christmas, a day filled with love and laughter, and that the year 2005 brings joy and continued good health to all. And "yes," may our athletic teams continue to bring honor to alma mater.

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Did I say "swan song" in describing my last column? Well, if so, I was wrong. In mid-September came a welcome note of "sea stories" from **Jim Dunphy**, whose World War II US Marine Corps duty took him to Okinawa, Yokasura, Japan, Saipan, Guam, etc., with the Fourth Marine Regiment. Jim recalls a meeting with **Walter Welch** at war's end in the Pacific; he would like to see a note in the magazine on any other BC Marine Corps survivors, "possibly **Stan Regan**." Please contact me for Jim's address. • As our 60th was breaking camp, word came that **Laurence (Larry) Greene** of Westfield, NJ, had passed away last June. Larry was a *magna cum laude* grad in the Class of '44, and earned a doctorate in education at Harvard in '63. Together with his wife, Margaret (McKenna) Greene, he enjoyed a "lifelong learning" teaching career, during which Larry also served as superintendent of schools. Together they traveled extensively, covering five continents. In World War II, Larry Greene served in the US Naval Reserve. He and Margaret had three children and five grandchildren. With Margaret they are all in our prayers. • Our 60th reunion photo features a good shot of **Ed Boyle**, front row, far left. It was great that Ed and Claire came to the 60th, as it was to be Ed's last visit to the Tower Building. He passed away as these notes were being prepared. He and his wife, Claire, spent retirement years in Naples, FL, and in Woburn. At BC, majoring in sociology, Ed was active in the Sodality of the Immaculate Conception, and in

senior year was a walk-on for the war-time football team that tied Harvard before 45,000 in the stadium by the Charles. Ed Boyle served with the Navy in World War II and the Korean War. He retired as a commander in the US Naval Reserve in 1983. A member of the Massachusetts bar since 1949, Ed practiced law with his father in Woburn before returning to active military duty and later going on to a career with Lockheed-Sanders as a division manager. Ed Boyle's funeral Mass of Resurrection was celebrated by Ed's classmate at BC, Msgr. **Joseph T. Alves**. • Also this week comes the sad news of the recent passing of Charlotte (Duddy) McSorley. Since her marriage to the late **James McSorley** in May 1947, she joined with Jim to spark so many BC committee meetings and reunion events of our '44 class, often attending funerals and networking on Jim's faithful commitment to '44 Class Notes in this magazine. Jim and Charlotte were loving parents of three children: Janet, James and David, all of whom live in New England. For all of these deceased classmates and their families, we pause in prayer and we reflect on their service to their community and their loyalty to their families and to Boston College. • Fr. **Bill McInnes** is exploring the possibilities for a "61st class reunion." Any suggestions? Contact him at the alumni office or william.mcinnes.1@bc.edu.

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As I sit here writing these notes, it is the day before Thanksgiving, and reflecting on the holiday, I thank God for the good life my wife and my family have had, especially in light of the deaths of four of our classmates. On August 19, **Ed Owens**, attorney in Lowell, husband of Helen, father of Richard, brother of Eleanor T. Belanger, and brother of J. Conal Owens CFX, passed away. Ed was a loyal supporter of his class and his alma mater. • On August 25, attorney **William Meara** died in Weymouth. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Rita (Ryan) Meara, sons William Meara and Robert Ryan Meara, daughters Marilyn J. Kiler, of Hingham, and Rita Marie Hubbard. Bill had a brother, Ed, and nine grandchildren. He was a prominent trial lawyer and full partner and equity owner of the State Street law firm of Budger, Parrish, Sullivan and Frederick. He was known for his aggressive cross-examination style. During World War II he served as a medical technician and received the Purple Heart. He also received the Belgian Fourrageres Lanyard Medal and Ribbon with five military battle stars. He later served as senior vice commander of the local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Bill was a Eucharistic minister and president and chairman of the board of the South Shore Hospital. • **Bud Curry**, one of the golf legends of the class, died on September 22, 2004. Bud was a very active member of his class. For many years he wrote these class notes. He was a supply officer in the Navy. For 41 years he was in the insurance business and formed his own business, Insurance Associates, in Burlington and

Medford. He earned the CPCU (Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter) in 1953 and was president of the Boston chapter. He was a member of the Catholic Alumni Sodality and served as its president, receiving the award of Outstanding Sodalist. In 1985, Bud received a Papal Honor and was invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, and recently was promoted to Knight of the Grand Cross. He was the beloved husband of Peg (Kelly) Curry, father of John Jr, Brian and Michael Curry, and brother of Thomas Curry and the late Albert and Joseph Curry. We all know his brother-in-law, Rev. Pat J. Kelly, who says our Mass for the deceased of our class every year. Bud and Peg had eight grandchildren. On a personal note, my relationship with Bud goes way back to his school days in Brookline, where we double dated. He summered on the Cape in West Harwich and in the winter in Naples, FL, where I enjoyed many rounds of golf with him. • On October 13, 2004, we lost another member of our class, **Joe Bellissimo**. Joe, like many of us, was in the Navy, serving on a "LST 930H" as a lieutenant junior grade. He worked many years for Abbott Laboratories, where he met his wife, Ellen. He became a registered member of the New York Stock Exchange as a sales manager. He relocated to Madison, WI, as a manager for Harris-Upham and retired as manager with Smith Barney. Joe and Ellen had six children and 16 grandchildren. Five of his children are either MDs or married to a doctor. Joe was active in his church and community. He was a lector, Eucharistic minister and finance commission member. Joe was revered and respected by all who knew him. • By the time you read these notes you will have received a letter from your class regarding dues and our Reunion Weekend. For those of you who have paid, we thank you, and we hope that those who have not will send in their dues. As you know, our reunion this year will take place on June 2-5, 2005. You will receive more specifics in the mail shortly. • We had our annual lunch-football game event on November 13, 2004. As usual, it was a great event chaired by **Bill Hamrock**. **Tom Moran** and Mary Nell traveled all the way from Texas to attend. Also in attendance were Clarie and **Tom Loftus**, Clare and **Dave Hern**, Connie and **Jack Kineavy**, **Joe Harrington**, Marylou and **Jack McCarthy**, Mary and **Bill Hamrock**, **Paul Paget**, Betty and **Ed Burns**, Marie and **Charlie Earley**

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Our class held its annual memorial Mass for our deceased classmates on September 28, 2004. Attending were classmates **Jim Costello**, **Mike DeCesare**, **Al DeVito**, **Bob Foy**, **Jim Hogan**, **Bob Morris**, **Gene Nash**, **Paul Riordan**, **George Savage**, **Bill Noonan** and **Bill Melville**. **Paul Morin's** widow, Marie, attended with her son John. One hundred thirty-four of our classmates

are deceased, 12 of them having died in the past year. **Bill Noonan** composed and read the Prayer of the Faithful and arranged the details for the Mass and luncheon. **Jim Costello** was the cantor. The organist **Timothy Zimmerman** performed for the class after the Mass. • The following snowbirds are off to Florida shortly: **Al and Eileen DeVito**, **Gene and Barbara Nash**, **Bob and Pat Morris**, and **Jim and Jeanne Costello**. • **Irene and Bill Melville** have 15 grandchildren, the oldest of whom is attending graduate school at BC. Your correspondent, **Timothy Buckley**, has five children and nine grandchildren. • **Paul Waters** is ill and would appreciate receiving cards from his classmates. Please contact your class correspondent for his address. • In memory of our classmate **John Corcoran**, the Corcoran family donated \$5 million to BC in recognition of his love for and gratitude to the College. The dining hall, built in the academic year 1993-94 next to the Robsham Theatre, is now named the Corcoran Commons.

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Pat McCloud sent a note to tell me of the passing of her husband and our classmate, **Bob McCloud**, on December 17, 2003. He was such an avid football fan. His son said, "St. Peter, hopefully, had a seat on the 50-yard line for him." This year, the seat would have been filled with happy moments. To quote his widow: "He was a gentle man and a gentleman – he will be missed," and we add – by all of us. • On October 7, 2004, the Third Annual Memorial Mass was held at St. Mary's Chapel, Middle Campus, at 11 a.m., followed up by a luncheon at T-100. A good showing of classmates was present: **Margaret and Ernie Ciampa**, **Madelyn and President John Carney**, **Amedia and Don St. Andre**, **Bill Cohan**, **John Driscoll**, **Nancy and Bill Butler**, **Mary and John Prince**, **Eileen and Bill Flaherty**, **Tom O'Connor**, **Joe Quinn**, **Louise and Jim Whelton**, **Leo Joy**, **Anne and Arthur Ashur**, **Jim Galvin**, **Mary and John Hickey**, **Marion and Charlie Brennan**, **Mary Amsler**, **Pat and Jack Turner**, **Virginia Sapienza**, **Vin Nuccio**, **Gloria and Joe Chicarelli**, **Bill McCool**, **Walter McGauley**, **Jane and Ron Leary**, **Charlie McKenna** and **Revs. Bill Burckhart**, **Paul McCarty** and **Charlie McCoy**. **Charlie McCoy** was our speaker, and his closeness to us all made his talk intimate and telling. A man for all seasons, **Charlie** is still active in the Archdiocese. While at the luncheon, **John Prince** notified me of the passing of **Frances X. Browne** of West Roxbury. Another name to be added to the ever longer list – **Frank** always introduced himself as **Frank Browne** – "with an e." The deceased list keeps growing. The names posted on the list were close to 300. May they rest in peace. • **Vin Nuccio** briefed me on the activities of the University Chorale. The highlight of the year will be the spring tour. The chorale will be touring the cities of Rome, Florence and, my favorite, Assisi. They will sing for a Papal audience in beautiful Vatican City. • I received a note from **Ed Tedesco** in response to our Change in Address Card. His observation of the passing of time: "From a bustling household

down to two people – the parents," is applicable to all at this stage of our lives. • **Charlie McKenna** sent a note from Connecticut on the death of **Bill Curtis**, who died November 15, 2004. **Bill** retired as a supervisor of housing code enforcement and officials. He was also a former active member of the Boy Scouts of America and, like all of us, a Red Sox and Boston College fan. So, our numbers continue to decrease. And what happened in the Syracuse game? I need **Sahag** to explain it to me.

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REUNION YEAR

Francis Higgins died April 26, 2004, in Sparta, NJ, after a year battle with Parkinson's disease. He was a retired shipping executive and had had a long career in Boston, New York and New Jersey, working at sea land, US lines, and sea-train. He retired from port of Boston in 1993. A native New Yorker, **Frank** attended Boston College on a basketball scholarship and served in the US Army during the Korea conflict. He was a member of the New York Athletic Club and the Downtown Athletic Club and was a 34-year member of the Lake Mohawk Country Club. He is survived by his wife, **Suzanne**, of Sparta, NJ, three daughters, **Amy Donovan** of Rye, NY; **Katherine Doyle** of Pleasantville, NY; and **Suzanne A. Higgins** of Sparta, NJ; one son, **Francis J. Higgins III**, of Los Angeles, CA, and one brother, **Eugene W. Higgins**, of St. Cloud, FL. A funeral Mass was offered on April 30, 2004, at our Lady of the Lake, Sparta, NJ. • Our classmate **Bob Tracy** has been honored by the city of Berkeley, CA. Berkeley has commissioned a bronze plaque containing **Bob's** translation of a poem by the Russian poet, **Osip Mandelstam**. The plaque is about one of a hundred honoring poets who have lived and worked in Berkeley, among them **Seamus Heaney**, **Allen Ginsberg**, **Robert Pinsky** and **Robert Hass**. The plaques have been embedded in a downtown street, newly designated as the city's cultural and theatrical center. **Bob Tracy** retired from the University of California's English and Irish Studies departments in 1993, but continues to teach an annual seminar and lectures at **Fromm and Osber Institutes**, which offer continuing education to older adults. • **Richard K. Clarke** died in March 2004 and **James P. Drummey** passed away in April 2004. I have no further details about these two late classmates. • Look for BC's reunion brochure to arrive in your mailbox in March from the Alumni Association.

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I would love to have news from you. In the meantime, a note to the Class of 1950: You will be invited to the luncheon on the Saturday of Reunion Weekend to be held on the Newton Campus. That Saturday is June 4, 2005. In attendance will be the 50th reunion class ('55)

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mon ground – here and abroad – to solve our most vexing problems. They did not give up their personal beliefs and greatest passions, but they never stopped learning from each other. And most of all, they did not give up on the idea that we are all in this together. We still are! And it is in that spirit that I say ‘thanks’ for all I have learned from you. That has been my richest reward! I’m Tom Brokaw.” • Peace came to: Rev. **Robert Bullock** (Sharon, 2004). Raised in Newton Centre. AB in economics. **Ed DeRoche** (West Palm Beach, FL, 2004). Arlington native. BS in math. **Fred Mauriello** (Millbrook, NY,

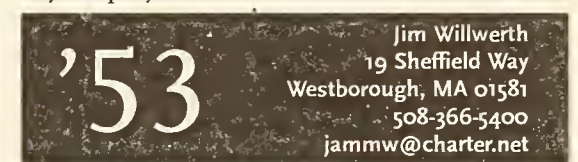
Grew up in Revere. World War II – Army. psychology. Student Council president, in National Student Association. Retired executive. **Robert S. McCarthy** (Concord, 200). Raised in Marblehead. World War II time Service. Massachusetts Maritime ny, 1945. BS in economics. **Frank Tully** (Rich, 2004). Grew up in South Braintree. War II, Korea – Navy. BS in economics. business, Northeastern. Career accountant plumber.



October 6, 2004, the class held its annual at the Trinity Chapel in Newton. lebrants were Fr. **Hugh O'Regan** and Fr. **Murray**. **Roger Connor** was program coordinator, and the readings were by **Art Powell**, **William** and **Jack Leary**. **John Kellaher** was server and music was provided by our tall-classmate, **Gene Tinory**. Jack Leary said aging was on a par with the Mormon Male Choir and **Bob Allen**, **Joe Chisholm**, **Andy**, **Tom Cullinan**, **Bill Gauthier**, **Jim**, **Tom McElroy**, **Bill Newell**, and **Joe** **ughnessy** all agreed. I disagree but then I realize the MTC rehearses daily and we rehearse at all. It was nice to see so many with us, and they had a mini-reunion. g them were **Marilyn McIntosh Curtin**, **ley**, **Mary Conway Haley**, **Ann Hanson**, **te Lawless Lyons**, **Mary Fallon McCabe**, **McGowan**, **Phyllis Dustin Smith** and **ieve Doonan Tyrell**. Lunch was served Mass at Alumni House. Others attending **Charlie Barrett**, **Jeanne Clancy**, **Arthur** **ore**, **Joe Doyle**, **Gene Giroux**, **Jim** **ally**, **Geraldine Kennedy**, **Frank** **mott**, **Bernie O'Sullivan**, **Pauline Valway**, **lly**, and **Tim Ring**. **Al Sexton**, **Jay Hughes**, **ick McLaughlin** journeyed up from the **Barry Driscoll** and **Dick Driscoll** were along with **Bruce Desrosiers**, **Jerry Dacey**, **herthy** and **Paul Nolan**. **Tom Megan** gave f to be with us, and it was nice to see **Jim** **oney** looking so good after his illness. Our years may be a little tarnished but the of '52 never diminishes. Altogether there 2 people present, which was an excellent it. • The Tom McElroy Annual Golf /Dinner was held on August 30, 2004, at dian Ridge Country Club and was well ed. A football package was auctioned off ting of airfare, hotel and game tickets for Notre Dame game at South Bend. **Dick**

McBride was the high bidder (\$1,000) and won the prize. Dick was sitting with Rose and **Charlie Hanafin** and gave the gift to Charlie and Rose, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, four days after their 51st grandchild was born. To top things off, BC won the game in a real thriller! I can't think of a more dedicated couple than Charlie and Rose nor can I think of a more generous person than Dick McBride. Great story! Great people! Now, will Charlie and Rose hit 52 for the class of '52? • I received greetings from **Bob O'Brien**, who retired from his law practice in Connecticut. **Paul Drummond** is liv-

ing in Amherst and **Joe Ippolito** is in Melrose. **Merritt Mahony** is living in Howell, MI. **Stan Saperstein** sends word he and **Leo Stankard** have been golfing around Boca and Boynton Beach, FL, courses and invites others to join them in the Palm Beach area. **Gerry Olsen** is living in Nashua and sent regards to the class. I spoke to **Lex Blood**, who is enjoying life between Milton and Cape Cod. • On the sad side, I have two deaths to report. **Pat Greeley** died in May 2004 in Port Orange, FL. Pat was born in Maine. After graduation from BC he taught school in Maine and then in San Juan and Puerto Rico. Pat retired in Daytona Beach. **Bob Freeley** died in November and was a retired administrator for the City of Boston who served under four mayors in a high-level capacity. Bob had 10 children and he and his wife, Eileen, lived in Braintree. Bob was secretary of our class in our senior year and owned and operated a stationery store in Mission Hill after graduation until 1962. Please remember them and all our deceased classmates in your prayers. Please send news!



The following is a brief description of our visit to Germany, Austria and Hungary in September-October 2004. The trip was divided into three parts. Part one was a trip to Munich. Part two was a cruise on the Danube River, and part three was a visit to Vienna. Some of our travelers did all three parts and others did less than that. We had 32 travelers in all. • Part one: On September 30, 13 classmates and companions along with our two tour escorts, Gayle Stevenson and Rachel White from QuinWell Travel, flew from Boston to Munich, Germany, by way of Zurich, Switzerland. The travelers from Boston were Joan and **Maurice Hart**, Maureen and **Bob McCarthy**, Brenda, Mary and **John Norton**, Virginia and Bill Norton, Rosemary and **Gene Sullivan** and Mary and **Jim Willwerth**. October 1: In Munich we were met by Pat and **Francis Sullivan** and Irene and **Don Burgess**. October 2: After breakfast in the hotel we met for a bus tour of the major and most beautiful sights of Munich. This included a guided tour of the Nymphenburg Palace and a visit to the Olympic Village and a trip to the top of the tower. October 3: We boarded our bus for our two-hour ride to Nuremberg to meet our ship, the Viking Pride. • Part two: It was here that we met the rest of our travelers. Marilyn and **Don Akikie**, Priscilla and **Dennis Cronin**, Mary and **Bob Willis**, Lillian and **Tom Murray**, **Phil Kerrivan**, Eleanor and **Sal Venezia**, **Richard Crampton**, and Virginia Stanley. October 4: We had a guided tour of Nuremberg. We visited the area where the World War II war crimes trials were held and the ground where the Nazi rallies were held. Then back to the ship for lunch and cruising through the Main Danube Canal. October 5: We docked in Kelheim for a day trip and went by bus to pick up an excursion boat for a trip through the Danube Gorge, where the river cuts a dramatic pass through the mountains. We then docked and visited the Weltenburg Abbey. After lunch we had a guided tour of Regensburg, one of

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Our class held its annual memorial Mass for our deceased classmates on September 28, 2004. Attending were classmates **Jim Costello**, **Mike DeCesare**, **Al DeVito**, **Bob Foy**, **Jim Hogan**, **Bob Morris**, **Gene Nash**, **Paul Riordan**, **George Savage**, **Bill Noonan** and **Bill Melville**. **Paul Morin's** widow, Marie, attended with her son John. One hundred thirty-four of our classmates

are deceased, 12 of them having died in the year. **Bill Noonan** composed and read the of the Faithful and arranged the details of the Mass and luncheon. **Jim Costello** was the organist **Timothy Zimmerman** performed for the class after the Mass. • The snowbirds are off to Florida shortly: **Eileen DeVito**, **Gene and Barbara Nash**, **Pat Morris**, and **Jim and Jeanne Costello**. and **Bill Melville** have 15 grandchildren, the most of whom is attending graduate school. Your correspondent, **Timothy Buckley**, has children and nine grandchildren. • **Paul** is ill and would appreciate receiving card his classmates. Please contact your class correspondent for his address. • In memory classmate **John Corcoran**, the Corcoran donated \$5 million to BC in recognition love for and gratitude to the College. The hall, built in the academic year 1993-94, the Robsham Theatre, is now named **Corcoran Commons**.

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Pat McCloud sent a note to tell me of the passing of her husband and our classmate, **Bob McCloud** on December 17, 2003. He was such a football fan. His son said, "St. Peter, how had a seat on the 50-yard line for him this year, the seat would have been filled with moments. To quote his widow: "He was a man and a gentleman – he will be missed by all of us. • On October 7, 2004, the Third Annual Memorial Mass was held at Mary's Chapel, Middle Campus, at 11 a.m. followed up by a luncheon at T-100. A good number of classmates was present: **Margaret Ernie Ciampa**, **Madelyn and President Carney**, **Amedia and Don St. Andre**, **Bill John Driscoll**, **Nancy and Bill Butler**, **Ma John Prince**, **Eileen and Bill Flaherty**, **O'Connor**, **Joe Quinn**, **Louise and Jim W Leo Joy**, **Anne and Arthur Ashur**, **Jim Mary and John Hickey**, **Marion and John Brennan**, **Mary Amsler**, **Pat and Jack T. Virginia Sapienza**, **Vin Nuccio**, **Gloria and Chiccarelli**, **Bill McCool**, **Walter McGauley** and **Ron Leary**, **Charlie McKenna** and **Re Burckhart**, **Paul McCarty** and **Charlie J Charlie McCoy** was our speaker, and his presence to us all made his talk intimate and warm. A man for all seasons, Charlie is still active in the Archdiocese. While at the luncheon **Prince** notified me of the passing of **Frank Browne** of West Roxbury. Another name to be added to the ever longer list – Frank always introduced himself as Frank Browne – "with an e." The deceased list keeps growing. The names posted on the list were close to 300. May they rest in peace. • **Vin Nuccio** briefed me on the activities of the University Chorale. The highlight of the year will be the spring tour. The chorale will be touring the cities of Rome, Florence and, my favorite, Assisi. They will sing for a Papal audience in beautiful Vatican City. • I received a note from **Ed Tedesco** in response to our Change in Address Card. His observation of the passing of time: "From a bustling household

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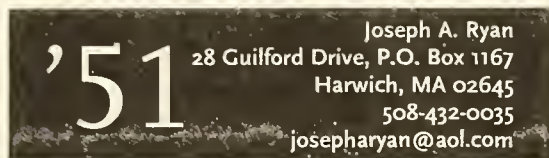
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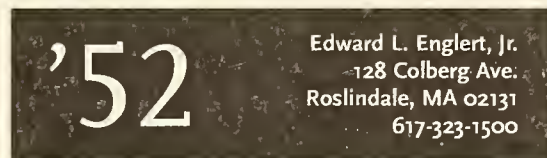
I would love to have news from you. In the meantime, a note to the Class of 1950: You will be invited to the luncheon on the Saturday of Reunion Weekend to be held on the Newton Campus. That Saturday is June 4, 2005. In attendance will be the 50th reunion class ('55)

and the classes "downward" to '75. Call Julie Nuzzo, assistant director, Newton College, at 617-552-4577 with any questions.



As almost anyone who has turned on a television set in the past 21 years knows, December 1, 2004, was Tom Brokaw's "last hurrah" as anchor and managing editor of "NBC Nightly News." I did not know Tom Brokaw personally, but we communicated when I was writing our 50th Anniversary Yearbook. I asked his permission to include a passage from his then best-selling *The Greatest Generation* – his epoch tribute to "those who came of age during the Great Depression and the Second World War, and went on to build America." I added that "as our generation 'spokesman,' it could mean a lot to our class, since most of us came out of WW II, and thanks to the GI Bill, went on to college. (In 1990, he received an honorary doctorate in humane letters from BC, and was Commencement speaker.) Well, Mr. Brokaw obliged. He even let me select the passage from *The Greatest Generation*, and he provided an autographed headshot to go with it. When I was at NBC-TV in the '50s, I worked with the "Today" show, and then with Chet Huntley of the "Huntley-Brinkley Report." (Huntley was in New York, Brinkley in Washington.) They became the best – at that time edging out CBS-TV's Walter Cronkite for the top spot in early evening, network TV news. In my opinion (for whatever it may be worth), Tom Brokaw was the only worthy successor to Cronkite and Huntley-Brinkley. I thought Brokaw brought intelligence, concern, honesty and dignity to the most influential media form in the world! Sadly, I believe, he leaves a business which, to an increasing degree, has abandoned his journalistic principles (and those of Cronkite and H-B). As Tom Brokaw closed out 38 years in all with NBC (including "Today" host), I thought some of his personal observations were particularly poignant. He said: "The enduring lessons through the decades are these: It's not the questions that get us in trouble. It's the answers. Just ask any member of the generation I came to know well – the men and women who, through great personal sacrifice, saved the world in World War II. And returned home to dedicate their lives to improving the nation they had already served so nobly. They weren't perfect. No generation is. But this one generation left a large and vital legacy of common effort to find common ground – here and abroad – to solve our most vexing problems. They did not give up their personal beliefs and greatest passions, but they never stopped learning from each other. And most of all, they did not give up on the idea that we are all in this together. We still are! And it is in that spirit that I say 'thanks' for all I have learned from you. That has been my richest reward! I'm Tom Brokaw." • Peace came to: Rev. **Robert Bullock** (Sharon, 2004). Raised in Newton Centre. AB in economics. **Ed DeRoche** (West Palm Beach, FL, 2004). Arlington native. BS in math. **Fred Mauriello** (Millbrook, NY,

2004). Grew up in Revere. World War II – Army. BS in psychology. Student Council president, active in National Student Association. Retired IBM executive. **Robert S. McCarthy** (Concord, NH, 2000). Raised in Marblehead. World War II – Maritime Service. Massachusetts Maritime Academy, 1945. BS in economics. **Frank Tully** (Harwich, 2004). Grew up in South Braintree. World War II, Korea – Navy. BS in economics. MA in business, Northeastern. Career accountant, master plumber.



On October 6, 2004, the class held its annual Mass at the Trinity Chapel in Newton. Concelebrants were Fr. **Hugh O'Regan** and Fr. **Tom Murray**. **Roger Connor** was program coordinator, and the readings were by **Art Powell**, **Jim Callahan** and **Jack Leary**. **John Kellaher** was altar server and music was provided by our talented classmate, **Gene Tinory**. Jack Leary said the singing was on a par with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and **Bob Allen**, **Joe Chisholm**, **Pat Clancy**, **Tom Cullinan**, **Bill Gauthier**, **Jim Leonard**, **Tom McElroy**, **Bill Newell**, and **Joe O'Shaughnessy** all agreed. I disagree but then again, I realize the MTC rehearses daily and we didn't rehearse at all. It was nice to see so many nurses with us, and they had a mini-reunion. Among them were **Marilyn McIntosh Curtin**, **Pat Foley**, **Mary Conway Haley**, **Ann Hanson**, **Annette Lawless Lyons**, **Mary Fallon McCabe**, **Rita McGowan**, **Phyllis Dustin Smith** and **Genevieve Doonan Tyrell**. Lunch was served after Mass at Alumni House. Others attending were **Charlie Barrett**, **Jeanne Clancy**, **Arthur Cudmore**, **Joe Doyle**, **Gene Giroux**, **Jim Kenneally**, **Geraldine Kennedy**, **Frank McDermott**, **Bernie O'Sullivan**, **Pauline Valway**, **Al Reilly**, and **Tim Ring**. **Al Sexton**, **Jay Hughes**, and **Dick McLaughlin** journeyed up from the Cape. **Barry Driscoll** and **Dick Driscoll** were there along with **Bruce Desrosiers**, **Jerry Dacey**, **Bill Doherty** and **Paul Nolan**. **Tom Megan** gave up golf to be with us, and it was nice to see **Jim Mulrooney** looking so good after his illness. Our golden years may be a little tarnished but the spirit of '52 never diminishes. Altogether there were 72 people present, which was an excellent turnout. • The Tom McElroy Annual Golf Classic/Dinner was held on August 30, 2004, at the Indian Ridge Country Club and was well attended. A football package was auctioned off consisting of airfare, hotel and game tickets for the BC-Notre Dame game at South Bend. **Dick McBride** was the high bidder (\$1,000) and won the prize. Dick was sitting with Rose and **Charlie Hanafin** and gave the gift to Charlie and Rose, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, four days after their 51st grandchild was born. To top things off, BC won the game in a real thriller! I can't think of a more dedicated couple than Charlie and Rose nor can I think of a more generous person than Dick McBride. Great story! Great people! Now, will Charlie and Rose hit 52 for the class of '52? • I received greetings from **Bob O'Brien**, who retired from his law practice in Connecticut. **Paul Drummond** is liv-

ing in Amherst and **Joe Ippolito** is in Melrose. **Merritt Mahony** is living in Howell, MI. **Stan Saperstein** sends word he and **Leo Stankard** have been golfing around Boca and Boynton Beach, FL, courses and invites others to join them in the Palm Beach area. **Gerry Olsen** is living in Nashua and sent regards to the class. I spoke to **Lex Blood**, who is enjoying life between Milton and Cape Cod. • On the sad side, I have two deaths to report. **Pat Greeley** died in May 2004 in Port Orange, FL. Pat was born in Maine. After graduation from BC he taught school in Maine and then in San Juan and Puerto Rico. Pat retired in Daytona Beach. **Bob Freeley** died in November and was a retired administrator for the City of Boston who served under four mayors in a high-level capacity. Bob had 10 children and he and his wife, Eileen, lived in Braintree. Bob was secretary of our class in our senior year and owned and operated a stationery store in Mission Hill after graduation until 1962. Please remember them and all our deceased classmates in your prayers. Please send news!



The following is a brief description of our visit to Germany, Austria and Hungary in September-October 2004. The trip was divided into three parts. Part one was a trip to Munich. Part two was a cruise on the Danube River, and part three was a visit to Vienna. Some of our travelers did all three parts and others did less than that. We had 32 travelers in all. • Part one: On September 30, 13 classmates and companions along with our two tour escorts, Gayle Stevenson and Rachel White from QuinWell Travel, flew from Boston to Munich, Germany, by way of Zurich, Switzerland. The travelers from Boston were Joan and **Maurice Hart**, Maureen and **Bob McCarthy**, Brenda, Mary and **John Norton**, Virginia and Bill Norton, Rosemary and **Gene Sullivan** and Mary and **Jim Willwerth**. October 1: In Munich we were met by Pat and **Francis Sullivan** and Irene and **Don Burgess**. October 2: After breakfast in the hotel we met for a bus tour of the major and most beautiful sights of Munich. This included a guided tour of the Nymphenburg Palace and a visit to the Olympic Village and a trip to the top of the tower. October 3: We boarded our bus for our two-hour ride to Nuremberg to meet our ship, the Viking Pride. • Part two: It was here that we met the rest of our travelers. Marilyn and **Don Akikie**, Priscilla and **Dennis Cronin**, Mary and **Bob Willis**, Lillian and **Tom Murray**, **Phil Kerrivan**, Eleanor and **Sal Venezia**, **Richard Crampton**, and Virginia Stanley. October 4: We had a guided tour of Nuremberg. We visited the area where the World War II war crimes trials were held and the ground where the Nazi rallies were held. Then back to the ship for lunch and cruising through the Main Danube Canal. October 5: We docked in Kelheim for a day trip and went by bus to pick up an excursion boat for a trip through the Danube Gorge, where the river cuts a dramatic pass through the mountains. We then docked and visited the Weltenburg Abbey. After lunch we had a guided tour of Regensburg, one of

Germany's largest and (since it suffered virtually no damage in World War II) best-preserved medieval cities. October 6: We enjoyed a morning of cruising and docked in Passau in the late morning. Passau is called the 'City of Three Rivers because it is situated at the confluence of the Danube, Ilz and Inn rivers. We had a guided walking tour of Passau and a visit and organ concert at St. Stephan's Cathedral, which houses the world's largest pipe organ. It has 17,774 organ pipes, 233 stops and four carillons. October 7: During the morning, the ship cruised through a beautiful stretch of the Danube called the Strudengau and docked in Melk. After breakfast we had a guided tour of the 900-year-old baroque Melk Abbey. It was then back to the ship as we cruised on to Vienna. After dinner aboard ship, some of us boarded a bus to attend a W.A. Mozart / Johann Strauss concert at the home of the world-famous Vienna Resident Orchestra. October 8: After breakfast we had a guided walking tour of the city, including the Hofburg Palace and St. Stephan's Cathedral. After lunch some of us opted for a guided tour of the famous Schonbrunn Palace. October 9: The Viking Pride arrived in Budapest, Hungary, around breakfast time. The morning activity was a city sightseeing tour of Budapest. The Danube cuts through the heart of the city separating the Buda Hills and the old city from the elegant boulevards of the modern city. Our tour highlighted the massive hilltop castle complex with the turreted Fisherman's Bastion and Matthias Church with its graceful spire. We also viewed the parliament building and drove over the famous Chain Bridge which is one of many bridges that connects the two halves of the city. • Part three: October 10: Our time on the Danube was over. Don and Irene Burgess, Don and Marilyn Akikie, Sal and Eleanor Venezia, Richard Crampton and Virginia Stanley all headed home. For the remaining 24 travelers it was back to Vienna by bus. Those travelers who wanted to go to Mass made the short walk to Kaisergouft, a Capucian church in Vienna. That evening our farewell dinner was held at a German restaurant called Schimanszky. October 11: Many opted for the Vienna Woods/Mayerling tour. Others did their own sightseeing. October 12: After farewells on the plane and at the airport the travelers headed home, tired but happy.

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I have recently heard from **Frank Cruise** that his sister, Sr. Patricia Cruise, received the Katharine Drexel Award in October 2004 in New York City. This award was given to her by SOAR (Support our Aging Religious, Inc.), which is a nonprofit organization founded in 1986 that provides emergency aid and practical assistance to Orders of US Religious who lack sufficient resources to care for their frail and elderly members. In granting the award, SOAR said it was honoring Sr. Patricia for her compassionate care for those in need across our nation. • The memorial Mass for our class was held on Sunday, November 21, 2004, and followed by a brunch at Alumni House. Among those pres-

ent were Mary Jean and **Jim Coughlin**, Sue Andrews, Ann and **John Cummings**, Ed Collins, Jane and **John Ford**, Pat and **Dick Hughes**, Pat and **Bob King**, Pat and **Ed Kodzis**, Verna and **Tom Lane**, **John Leydon**, **Bill Maguire**, **Bob O'Brien**, **Frank McLaughlin**, **Bill McCarthy**, Mary McCourt, **Bill McManus**, Fr. William McInnes ('44), Margaret and **Dan Miley**, Kathy and **Peter Nobile**, Joan and **Frank Patchell**, **Joe Skerry**, **Ed Smith**, **Anthony Pellegrini**, Mary and **Murray Regan**, **Tom Warren**, Lori and **Lou Totino**, Marge and **Peter Vasaturo**, Carolyn and **Bob Ward**, Peggy and **Jack Lynch**, Jody and **Frank Bonarrigo**, Mary and **Jack Curtin**, Linda and **Dave Pierre** and **Doug MacMillan**. • In addition to that, attending the exciting BC-Notre Dame game at South Bend were **John Burke**, John Ford, Mary and Murray Regan and Lori and Lou Totino. • We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Robert Donovan** of Falmouth. He is survived by his wife, Caroline (Macell), and several family members. He served in the US Army, was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was a founding member of the Dedham Pop Warner League. We were also saddened to learn from **Dick Finnegan** of the death of **Joe Dunne** in December. Joe was a great BC rooter and attended many of the reunions. He had a successful career in private practice as an accountant and as a corporate CFO with Close Paper International, Inc. Since retiring, he had enjoyed his passions for golf, the Red Sox, BC, and traveling coast to coast visiting his family and many grandchildren.

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I wish you all had been with me to hear the excellent speech that **Charlie Costello** gave at the fourth annual Alumni Veterans Remembrance Ceremony on November 11, 2004. As he spoke of his transition from BC student to active member of the military, I watched the faces of the ROTC cadets. For them, his words were very meaningful, especially as he gave a beautiful tribute to his wife, Anne, acknowledging the many separations that occurred during his career, including his service in Vietnam, and how she was so often left alone to care for their children. I'm sure the cadets could relate his words to their future as many of them will be commissioned in May. Charlie also paid tribute to BC's Medal of Honor winner, Xavier Grant, by reading the citation that accompanied his medal. The medal was given to Grant posthumously for his actions during the Vietnam War. When the time came to honor alumni who had been killed during the Korean War, Charlie was their voice, answering the question, "Who will speak for them?" After responding, he lit the Remembrance Candle in their names. The

cadets gave Charlie a pair of BC bookends, and the Class of 2005 gave him one of their jackets. • On a lighter note, I recently learned that **Al McManama** has a new companion/partner named Cooper. Cooper is a hearing dog. Al and Cooper had to undergo a rigorous training together. Cooper will use his unique skills to alert Al to sounds such as the alarm clock, door bell or any unusual sounds around the house. I might add, he is a golden retriever. • From the Editor's Corner: **Jean O'Neil**, yearbook editor, reports that questionnaires were mailed to all of our classmates by the yearbook committee. Repeated mailings were done to solicit biographies because they are required in order to receive a yearbook. Karleen Greene, of the Alumni Association, and Cathy Concannon, of University Advancement, arranged for classmates to do a telethon as an additional attempt to obtain these biographies. **Paul Croke**, **Dan Foley**, **Bob Kelleher**, **Marie Kelleher**, **Pat Mitchell**, **John Johnson**, Jean O'Neil and **John O'Connell**, participated in the first telethon and later, **Peg Calloe**, **Pat Grugnale**, **Barbara May** and **Ruth Sweeney** made additional calls. According to Jean, 250 biographies, including responses from families of deceased classmates, were received. John Attebury, senior reference librarian, Burns Library, and Ed Copenhagen, assistant archivist, have been extremely helpful to classmates and to the editor, as they researched the class history and sought pictures. The process of editing the biographies was done by **Dick Drew**, **Jeff Hayden**, John Johnson, Bob Kelleher, Marie Kelleher, Pat Mitchell and **John Vozzella**. Many thanks go out to all who have helped. Lastly, a thanks to all who have submitted pictures and mementos. A piece of the goal post from a prized football win over BU was sent by **Jim Zoeller** and will certainly be among the exhibits at the celebration. • It always saddens me when I have to end the column by sending words of sympathy to either a classmate or to the family of a classmate. I recently learned that **John Mason's** wife has begun her eternal life. I know that all of you join me in sending our thoughts to him. In the process of collecting the biographies, we learned that **Hugh Mayo** had died in February. Our thoughts and wishes go to his family as well.

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REUNION YEAR

Our 50th reunion is approaching, and we will observe this momentous event on the weekend of June 3-5, 2005, on the Newton College campus. **Pat LeClaire Mitchell**, our reunion class committee chairperson, is coordinating and planning our reunion anniversary cocktail and dinner party on Saturday evening, June 4, at Alumni House (formerly Putnam House). Other reunion activities will include Coffee and Conversation on Saturday morning, June 4, with Judith Wilt, Newton College alumnae chair for Western Culture, facilitating a lecture on the works of Ernest Hemingway and Virginia Woolf. Our reunion lunch will follow at noon. On

Sunday morning, June 5, a Mass to remember deceased Newton alumnae will be celebrated at Trinity Chapel and immediately afterward, a farewell brunch is scheduled. A reunion brochure with complete details will arrive in your mailboxes in March but in the meantime, encourage your 1955 classmates to return to the Newton campus in June to reminisce, remember and have fun. If you have any reunion concerns or questions, contact Julie Nuzzo (NC '74), assistant director, Newton College, at 617-552-4577 or julie.nuzzo@bc.edu. Julie would love to hear from you.

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On December 1, 2004, we had a presentation on the upcoming Mediterranean cruise that will kick off our 50-year anniversary celebration. We heard from representatives of the Princess Line and QuinWell, the travel agency that is arranging the trip and that handles many of the trips for away football games. Marie and I had to leave before the meeting finished, but we understand that about 20 classmates were very enthusiastic about going. The alumni chaplain, Fr. William McInnes, SJ, will be accompanying us. • **Angelo Liani, Doc Paynter and Frank Wentworth** went to the 47th reunion of their US Marine Corps Officer Candidate School class at Quantico, VA. They watched an obstacle course and combat training class, had lunch with the "New Breed" (and report that the Marines are in good hands). Later they toured the new Naval Terrorism Control Center and attended a reception and banquet at the Washington, DC, Navy Yard and the Sunset Parade at the 8th and I Marine Barracks. • Betty Shea sent news that **Peter Colleary** has been inducted into the Matignon High School Achievement Hall of Fame in recognition of his professional accomplishments and his contributions to the community. Peter is retired from the Cambridge School Department, where he was a student officer. Betty also mentioned that Peter's daughter Maura has accepted a position as administrative coordinator at BC's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. • **Leo Power**, director of BC's Institute for Scientific Research, has received two grants for research: \$40,000 from the National Science Foundation and \$35,000 from the Office of Naval Research. • **Carolyn Kenney Foley** reports that **Louise Burke Toland** had a double knee replacement, which was a great success. Carolyn also said that Peter Colleary underwent surgery for a heart valve replacement in October and was recovering well. Please keep them and all classmates and their families in your prayers. • Once again, thanks for your e-mails, letters and calls. Your classmates want to hear what you're doing!

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December 4, 2004, was a real treat! Five members of our class attended the Advent Day of Recollection held at Alumni House (Duchesne).

The moderator was our own **Gail O'Donnell, RSCJ**. She was terrific and got us all (44 participants – 40 women, some BC and some Newton; and four men) in a restful, calm mood so that we could listen to what Our Lord was asking of us. Not an easy feat three weeks before Christmas. Gail was assisted by Jane O'Shaughnessy, RSCJ. Sister O'Shaughnessy is a graduate of Weston Jesuit School of Theology. In attendance were **Ursula Cahalan Connors, Marian Linehan Krammer, Janice Murphy Hannah and Patricia Leary Dowling**. The day started with breakfast at 9 a.m. and ended with Mass at 3 p.m. Mass was celebrated by Fr. William McInnes. Although we were invited to observe silence during the day, it was okay to talk at lunch time, fortunately. The five of us sat together and talked of our 50th reunion on June 2-4, 2006. Save the dates! We are going to be asked to submit a biography of what we have been doing for the last 50 years!! This will be published in a book given to us that weekend. So start thinking now.

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The annual class fall event was held on Saturday, October 2, 2004, in association with the BC vs. UMass football game. The following classmates attended: Rev. **Tom Ahearn, Ed Brickley, Joe Burke, Norma Cacciamani, Bill Cunningham, Jim and Paul Daly, Jim Doyle, Dick Dowling, Rita and Dom Emello, Ralph Ferrera, Kay Giblin, Frank Greelish, Tom Harrington, George Hennessy, Frank Higgins, Jeanne Higgins, Eleanor and Mary Lou Hogan, Bob Huber, Jack Joyce, Rev. Gerry Kelly, Frank Lynch, Dave McAvoy, Myles McCabe, Paul McNulty, Bill McQueeney, Leo Morrissey, Pat Mullen, Barry Murphy, Paul O'Leary, Rev. Gene Sullivan, Bob Tiernan, Bill Tobin, Betty and Jim Turley, Pat Vacca, John Wissler, Tom McDonald and Paul Shiel**. Before dinner, the class sponsored a Mass. Frs. Ahearn, Kelly and Sullivan concelebrated the Mass. Each of our clergy classmates gave very touching homilies. The music was most beautiful. Following the Mass we all gathered in the Gasson rotunda for a social hour before dinner. • I was totally unaware that Dom Emello's wife, Rita B. McGrath Emello, is one of our classmates. Rita, sorry about that! You and Dom both have been very loyal class members over the years. • I had earlier stated in the fall edition of Class Notes that the class board of directors chose not to host a post-football game reception in 2005. Now there has been a change of heart. Jim Turley, our class co-chair, has now advised me that the board may go forward and continue this very popular fall event. The date selected would be September 10, 2005, for the game with Army. Please stay tuned! • **Jim Devlin** recently informed me that the annual spring golf event is scheduled for May 25, 2005, at the Sandy Burr Country Club in Wayland. This has always been an enjoyable event. New faces are welcome to join. The skill level is irrelevant, as Jim mixes up each foursome with players of widely different abilities. Don't forget to mark your calendars for this one! • The year 2004 was a rough one for **Jack Conway**! He had a hip

replacement earlier last spring. After reeling from hip surgery, he had back surgery twice. I met Jack last October on his first day back to work, and he was walking with a cane but was very optimistic that he was on the mend. Much good health to you, Jack, for the new year. • **Dick Dowling** and his wife, Peg, spent two weeks in San Francisco. During their stay, Peg had an opportunity to have a get-together with two of her classmates from years back at Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. On their return to Boston, Dick discovered Norma Cacciamani and her husband, Vin, sitting in the rear of the same plane. It is a small world! Dick also reports that he and **Vic Popeo, Dave McAvoy, Paul McAdams, Gene Mahoney, Don Fox, Joe Burke and Jim Frame** played at the BC Club of Cape Cod golf outing last October at the Cummaquid Country Club. • Last August, the BC Club of Cape Cod hosted a lobster/clambake at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster. Classmates who attended were Jack Conway, Paul McAdams, Dave McAvoy, George Hennessy, Vic Popeo, Frank Higgins, Gene Mahoney, Don Fox, Betty and Jim Turley and Dick Dowling. • **Frank Gallagher** has a new summer home in Dennis on the Cape. **Owen Gaffney** recently received the Marian Medal for devotion and service to Corpus Christ Parish in East Sandwich. Kay Cotter Giblin recently married Thomas J. Giblin, Jr. ('50). Robert J. Huber is currently vice president of the Boston College Club of Cape Cod. Eugene D. Mahoney currently serves on its board of directors for the 2004-07 time period. **Bill Mackenzie** recently moved from Cape Cod Bank & Trust as a mortgage loan officer to Stonebridge Mortgage in Hyannis. **Joseph P. Mirabile** and his wife are new homeowners at Kings Way, Yarmouthport. This brings a total number of 38 classmates who live on Cape Cod, according to Dick Dowling. Jim Turley was recently awarded the 2004 Richard J. Bradley Endowment Award by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The award recognizes an educator from one of the six New England states "whose exemplary work establishes, maintains or advocates high standards of excellence in education." The award carries a stipend of \$1,000 and was presented at the association's annual meeting in Boston. Jim was also awarded the 1985 Boston College Distinguished Alumni Award in Education. Pat Vacca had back surgery at the Cape Cod Hospital late last year

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and is on his own program of working and exercise. Pat, I hope things will be "looking up" for you this new year. On a sad note, **Michael J. Taliento** of Portland, ME, passed away on September 1, 2004. We also learned of the passing of **Tim Donoghue** on September 26, 2004. Tim had been a distinguished member of the physics faculty at the Ohio State University. The class extends its sincere sympathy to the Taliento and Donoghue families. • Just a reminder to forward in your class dues if you have not had the opportunity to do so! Please remit your dues in the amount of \$25 to Bill Tobin, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746. Please send me some class notes. News notes of yourself, family, other classmates or other material go a long way in connecting other classmates to better bond the Class of 1957.

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Our annual Christmas gathering for Mass, brunch and the fantastic University Chorale was again a resounding success. Thanks to **Joan LaChance** and Amy Belmore at Alumni House, there was not a hitch in sight. Fr. McInnes was definitely the star of the day—inspiring words about John the Baptist being the second most important person in the life of Christ. As Christ's visibility increased on earth, John's exposure decreased. Fr. McInnes commented on the role of grandparents as most effective in the lives of their grandchildren because the grandchildren see our beliefs, and that gives them encouragement to lead good lives in our faith. Fr. McInnes was most impressed with the community spirit that is alive and well in our class. Attending the affair were the **Stan Currans**, Eileen and **Dave Quigley**, the **Bill Quigleys**, the **Ed Gilmores**, the **Dick Simons**, the **Bo Stroms**, the **Don Agnettas**, Betty and **Saro Minassian**, **Joan and Roland LaChance**, **Ginny DeGenova**, **Barbara Moran** and **Marian DeLollis**. • The date for our annual spring frolic at the Cape has been set for the weekend of April 29-30, 2005, at the Sheraton Hyannis, with a tab of \$99 per couple

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per night. Reservations have been made at two terrific restaurants in the area. Call Sheldon Daly at 800-992-0087. • **Bill McGovern** reports that his wife, Mary, recently had a heart attack but is on the road to recovery. Their son John was married in September and they also have two grandchildren—Serena and **Riley James**. • I had a nice note from **Joe Giere**, who is practicing obstetrics and gynecology in Washington, DC. I had a chance to see Joe last spring at our 50th from BC High. Joe had a "mini" reunion in DC with **Ed Cannon**, Pete Engel and **Jack Donahue**. Ed worked in Ireland for many years, and his wife is from the "Ole Sod." Jack's wife is a Boston girl who was a year behind **Marion Grady** at Mt. Alvernia. Joe asked me to say "hello" to **Bea Busa** via this column. Joe is also looking forward to coming to Naples this winter to see his sister and cousin **Al Carroll**. • Speaking of the Busas, Ed Gilmore spotted Bea and **Tiny and Tom Mahoney** last summer playing bocci at the North End Community Fund-raiser. • It's getting almost impossible to fill up this column unless I hear from you. Please call, write or fax and let me know what's going on in your lives. I need your help! Don't forget your class dues. Send \$25 to **Jack "Mucca" McDevitt**, 25 Cedar Rd., Medford, MA 02155.

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We are pleased to announce that **Vincent M. O'Reilly** was honored by the New England Health Care Assembly with its 2004 Trustee Leadership Award. Vincent currently serves as vice chairman of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. His peers lauded his board leadership as inclusive and nurturing of trustee involvement. We are sad to report the sudden death of **Pat Rae Packard's** husband. Pat resides in Waterford, CT.

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REUNION YEAR

Condolences to **Joe Harrington** and his family on the death of his wife, **Brenda Crowley Harrington**, on June 14. Brenda died from diabetic complications. She persisted, as Brenda would, until the birth of their granddaughter on June 10. She always thought well of BC and will be missed for her upbeat look on life. • **Charlie Lane** is now retired as associate corporation counsel for the city of Portland, ME, after 35 years. He was recently appointed to the State Board of Property Tax Review and is taking a

course on Shakespeare's "Use of Comedy." • Our 45th reunion will have the theme of 45 years for \$45 per person at our class buffet on Saturday, June 4, 2005. The celebration weekend will be June 3-5, 2005. In addition to the reunion brochure describing all Reunion Weekend events, you will receive a letter informing you of a golf tournament to be held on Friday, June 3, 2005. This will be a first-come, first-served event with **Joe Steinkrauss** and **Bill Sullivan** as your hosts. Joe can be contacted at steinkrauss@earthlink.net. You will also receive a letter asking for class dues in the amount of \$25. This helps keep the event at a below-inflationary level. The Alumni Association Website, www.bc.edu/alumni, will have a posting of class events for your convenience. Be there or be square!

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REUNION YEAR

Patricia Winkler Browne is a candidate for the 2005-06 Boston College Alumni Association National Board of Directors. Please take the time to review the ballot and candidate information beginning on page 32 of this Class Notes section. Your participation in this election process is important. Cast your vote today!

On June 3-5, 2005, our 45th reunion will take place on the Newton Campus! A planning meeting was held in October 2004 at the Alumni House, and it was confirmed that **Michaelene Martin Barrett** and **Brenda Koehler Laundry** had accepted the co-chairmanship of the weekend. Contact them with any ideas you have for the reunion. Those present at the meeting were **Carole Ward McNamara**, **Gail Hannaford Walsh**, **Loretta Maguire**, **Blanche Hunnewell**, **Pat Winkler Browne** (by conference call) and me. We discussed the place for Saturday night, food, flowers, price and other possible ways to make the event reasonable and special. A class phonathon at BC will be forthcoming. We could have a great turnout if each one contacts one class friend and encourages her to join all of us. Please help us make this a memorable and well-attended reunion. • **Sally O'Connell Healy** held a kickoff luncheon last September at her home in Middletown, RI. Those able to attend were: **Fran Fortin Breau**, **Mary Lou Foster Ryan**, **Mary Ann Helms Hehir**, **Lita Capobianco Mainelli**, **Sheila Marshall Gill**, **Loretta Maguire**, **Elaine Holland Early**, **Blanche Hunnewell**, **Kathleen McDermott Kelsh**, **Mickey Mahon MacMillan**, **Carole Ward McNamara**, **Brenda Koehler Laundry**, **Berenice Hackett Davis**, **Michaelene Martin Barrett** and **Sally**. Sally has already been our key public relations person, since she has contacted about 45 people about our reunion. I had expected to attend but my daughter, Michelle, delivered her first child on September 9, the day before the get-together. **Torger McCarthy Peterson** is my fourth grandchild and second grandson. • I am sorry to inform you that **Rosemary Roche Hobson's** husband, **Kenneth**, passed away this fall. On behalf of our class, I extend our sincerest sympathies to Rosemary and her family. • On October 16, 2004, Newton Country Day School

of the Sacred Heart held a Hall of Fame Induction to open their 125th-year celebration. Among the honored guests were Sisters Gabrielle Husson and Elizabeth Sweeney. Our classmate **Nancy Madden Leamy** was inducted into the Hall of Fame for Athletics. As many of you know, Nancy has owned and managed a skating school for years in Greenwich, CT. Some of her family and high school and college classmates were present to support and congratulate her. • This is the last issue of Class Notes until mid-June so let me finish on a note of encouragement to join us on June 3-5, 2005. Your participation can make this a fabulous reunion! Hope to see you there!

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For the first time in my life The Curse is lifted; gone in the most improbable way imaginable. I got an e-mail from **Bruce Withers**, who lives in Germany, lamenting the fact that we might have to settle for the wild card. Little did any of us know! Bruce spent much of his US Army career in Germany, meeting his wife, Hannelore, and raising their three daughters there. He retired as a lieutenant colonel after 21 years that included two tours in Vietnam and two to Fort Knox, KY. His e-mail address is withersb@t-online.de. • I got a note from **Dick Barrett**, who has retired from teaching in Needham. He is very proud to say that two of his colleagues were **Walter Shields** and **Peg Ryan**. Dick is most pleased with the ability to spend time with his four children and eight grandchildren. He requested that I mention the passing of two classmates, **Roy D. Lamb** and **Guy L. Abbate**. Roy was living in Palm Springs, CA, and Guy was living in Westwood. Guy is survived by his wife, Margaret, two sons and five grandchildren. • If you have driven south on Route 28 through Randolph, Avon and into Brockton, you come almost immediately upon the real estate office of **Paul Clancy**. Paul has been a very prominent member of the Brockton business community for more than 35 years. In a very competitive business environment Paul has built an enviable reputation for honorable dealing while building a highly successful business. He was a director of the Brockton MLS for 15 years, serving four years as president. He has also been a member of the

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Boston Board of Realtors and the Massachusetts Board of Realtors. Community involvement includes 15 years on the board of the Catholic Charities of the Old Colony Area and the Old Colony YMCA. Paul and his wife, Janice, raised two sons, Paul Jr., an attorney, and Michael, who now works with Paul. Paul and Janice enjoyed traveling together, particularly to Italy, Ireland and Jupiter, FL, and especially the two-week trips to Aruba. They spent many happy times aboard the "Lady J's," a boat kept at the Allen Harbor Yacht Club. Sadly, Janice passed away recently after a year's battle with cancer. We pray in faith for Janice, Roy, Guy and all our departed classmates and their families. • Godspeed to all! Please keep the information coming.

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Mary Walsh was kind enough to send news. Mary, **Patsy Keating**, **Kathy Hall Hunter** and **Gretchen Eben Triulzi** attended **Julie Fazakerly Gilheany's** son's wedding in Cambridge on Thanksgiving weekend. Mary worked on John Kerry's campaign this fall. She was able to attend the ceremony for Sisters Gabrielle Husson and Elizabeth Sweeney at Newton Country Day School. She said Sr. Husson was wonderful; Sr. Sweeney was unable to attend. (I want you to know I first typed "Mothers," and will most likely always do that.) Patsy Keating had sent me a note in September telling the story of the sudden death of her niece, Margrit Keating Marks, from a cerebral aneurysm. Margrit's family followed their daughter's wishes and donated her organs so others might live. Patsy's closing words were: "... be sure that you tell everyone how much they mean to you while you have the chance..." So true Patsy!!! • We have finally "settled" into our home in Tennessee. I say settle, it took me 10 days to find the carton with fall clothes. Many days our daughter Mary would come over and say, "This place is such a mess." Of course I thought we had accomplished so much. Actually we had. Furniture was delivered on November 5 and we had 13 (children, spouses and grandchildren) for dinner on Thanksgiving Day, plus four houseguests. Our joke was that they all came to see how we were spending their "inheritance." • For the second year our efforts to join **Ellen MacDonald Carbone** and Duane at Boothbay Harbor went unfulfilled; either they were traveling or we were traveling. Oh well, maybe next year, God willing. We are babysitting our three-year-old grandson and six-month-old puppy for a few days so I must get my beauty rest. • **Linda Gray**, when I started doing these notes you were going for a master's... any news??

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A belated wish to the Class of '62 for a happy and healthy new year. • We heard from the **Heggie** twins in September. Both are married, have three children, and live in Massachusetts, Jim in Milton and Gerry in Lexington. Gerry reported that he and Jim recently participated in

the Snoopy Senior World Hockey Tournament in Santa Rosa, CA. Jim plays golf at the Wollaston Golf Club in Milton, while Gerry plays at the Lexington Golf Club. • Congratulations to **Bob Murray** on his recent retirement from the New England Business Services. Bob will remain as chairman of the board and will serve on several other boards as well. He and his wife are looking for plenty of sailing time in Cohasset. • **Paul Deeley** was recently named to the Board of Trustees at Matignon High. • We received a note from **Paul Comeau**. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Hollywood, FL. Paul was writing to wish **George Van Cott** well on his successful bout with cancer and commented on the longstanding, loyal friendship that was fostered at BC between George and his fellow football comrades **Dan Sullivan**, **Bill Byrne**, **Karl Krikorian** and **Lou Kirouac**, which still exists today. • Some sad news to report: the School of Education lost two of its brightest stars – **Jerry Sullivan**, a caring and dedicated career social worker, and **Marj Milano**, a gifted teacher, author and leader in the Watertown School System. **Eileen "Trish" Faggiano** and **Barbara Connor Flaherty** had shared many happy hours with Marj since meeting in '58 as BC freshmen. They will be missed.

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I heard by e-mail from **Al Andrea**. He retired from teaching as professor of medieval history from the University of Vermont in May 2001 in order to devote full time to research, travel and writing, and has assumed the role of professor emeritus of medieval history there. Since January 2004, research and conferences have brought him to Germany, Greece, Turkey and China, as well as numerous venues in the United States. His most recent books include *Encyclopedia of the Crusades* (Greenwood Press, 2003) and *The Human Record: Sources of World History*, fifth ed. (Houghton Mifflin, 2004). Currently he is working on a book tentatively titled *Jihad and Crusade* and serves as general editor of a projected 20-volume encyclopedia of world history. • My wife, Eileen ('64), and I attended a recent fundraiser for Fr. **Vin Albano** on behalf of his order, Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, at the BC Downtown Club in Boston, chaired by **Jim Norton** and **Jack Golden**. Among other classmates present were **Bob Parks**, **Joe Cosgrove**, **Larry Flynn**, **Tom Quirk**, **Paul McDevitt** and **Doug MacQuarrie**. The guest speaker was Newman Flanagan ('54), whose brother, Fr. Jim Flanagan, founded the missionary order in 1958 in New Mexico. It's always pleasant to see and hear the former Suffolk County district attorney, replete with his fancy array of colorful ties (both old and new) and his funny jokes (both new and old). • I received a recent e-mail from our co-class poet laureate,

Bill Costley, who reports that he has moved to Santa Clara, CA, (for the third time) and writes a weekly column entitled "Letter from Santa Clara" for the weekly online *San Francisco Call* (called the *Call-Bulletin* newspaper when Mark Twain wrote for it). You can read some interesting stuff at www.sfcall.com. • We were sad to learn of the death of **Philip Murphy**, who was an English professor at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, and served for 20 years as the executive director of the House Education Committee for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. We extend our condolences to the entire Murphy family. • Please keep those cards and letters coming in.

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By e-mail from Carolyn Isaak (NC '72) I was notified of the death of **Marcia Isaak**. Marcia died this past July from a sudden and very brief illness. After graduating from Newton she received her law degree from the University of Baltimore. She was active in many Catholic charities in Maryland and in the past few years had become accomplished on the flute. Newton holds an annual spring tea in the Washington, DC, area. A few years ago I called Marcia to see if she would attend. She replied that she could not since it conflicted with the Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade and she would be marching and playing her flute. I thought that was wonderful. She is survived by a daughter, a son and four grandchildren. • If anyone has news of **Mary Ann Burke Buckley**, **Karen Morley Brennan**, **Mary Flynn** or **Shelby Berryman O'Brien**, please let me know. • With the last issue I didn't have everything I needed on the **Gleimans**. I have it now. Dr. Gleiman's manuscript can now be read online. The Website is home.att.net/~l.gleiman/. It's a tribute to a great man and the resiliency and strength of human nature. • **Marjorie Dever Shea** reports she retired early from her position in the IT department of Pfizer. She and her husband now live in Marblehead and they love it. She writes, "There may be those of you who love warmer climates, but we'll take the four seasons of Massachusetts any day." • **Karen Mulvey** is a social worker involved with early intervention in developmental delays in babies and toddlers. Families with

across-the-board incomes qualify for this assistance. Karen saw Molly Tobin at their recent high school reunion. • **Barbara Nesbitt Barrett** now lives in Hilton Head, SC, with her husband, David. They have five children and loads of grandchildren, with more on the way. Once arrived in Hilton Head, Barbara received her teaching certificate and now teaches math and computers at the local high school. She says her days consist of teaching, walks on the beach and playing golf. Not bad!!! • **Marjorie Reiley Maguire** is an attorney who works out of her home. She has a son who is in Egypt on a Fulbright scholarship and three grandchildren. The summers are the best because everyone is then with her. • **Penny Brennan Conaway** hosted a "typical college weekend" at her home in Washington, DC, this past October. Attending were **Carol Donovan Levis**, **Maureen Meehan O'Leary** and **Colette Koechley McCarty**. I spoke to Colette later. She and her husband have been married for 41 years and moved to North Carolina in 1990. They love it. The inevitable question about hurricanes brought forth the answer, "We've been hit twice and we are still there." They have two sons who live in the Northeast and a daughter who lives in North Carolina. There are also five grandchildren. • **Annie Laurie Kenedy MacEvitt** now lives in Washington state with her husband, who loves to scuba dive in Puget Sound. They have a son who teaches at Dartmouth and a daughter who's getting an advanced degree at Tufts. Annie works for a dental office and has, again, taken up bridge. She is also in touch with **Susan Costigan Penswick**, who has lived in the UK for years. Susan has two daughters. One is a specialist in medicine and the other is with the Secret Service. • **Sharon Leahy Mahar** lives in Millbrook, NY, with her husband, Bob. She is a real estate agent. They have three children and the first grandchild arrived just a short time ago. Sharon recently attended a memorial service for Nancy Salisbury, who was the headmistress for the Convent Sacred Heart 91st St. She saw many Sacred Heart friends. • **Mary Ann Cole McLean** is an accountant who worked for an architectural firm for a number of years and recently retired. She and her husband, Allan ('60), have three children and four grandchildren. Allan is chairman of the board for the Berklee College of Music. Both he and Mary Ann enjoy the musical association. They also enjoy keeping in shape in health clubs. • **Jo Egan Maguire** is retired from teaching in the high school system in Rhode Island and is presently working part-time in counseling performance-based assessments. She and her husband have a son and daughter and a new granddaughter. • **Joan Engel Sundstrom** started with Batelle 27 years ago in the research laboratory and recently retired from a senior management position. She and her husband have three children and six grandchildren. They love to sail, play golf and travel. They were in Europe for a month this past June. • **Jane Graham** is a counselor. She has a daughter who is in her junior year at Skidmore College. For exercise she dances on ice skates. She recently did a flip and broke her arm. She has decided to give up the flips, but not the dancing. • Just as I was finishing this article, **Carolyn McInerney**

McGrath returned my call. She and her husband have two sons who are married with two grandchildren. Carolyn summed this up pretty well. Her message to all of us is that it's all about friends and families. Amen!

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After reading the account of **Mary Lou Cunningham Mullen's** daughter marrying **Rosemarie Van Eyck Winslow's** son, **Margot Butler Kirsis** sent me the following, very funny e-mail: "I have a petite, blonde 28-year-old daughter, former gymnast, current triathlete. She works for MTV, lives in the West Village of New York City and is about to adopt a Weimeraner. Yes, my grandchild is a dog! Anyone out there have a 30ish, heterosexual son who lives and works in NYC? She will die if she hears about this, but I am strictly forbidden to check out match.com." This, of course, triggered my interest in what Margot's been doing, and so I asked her to give me an update: "My life since Newton College has been interesting and challenging and has gone by in a flash. My marriage to a man who grew up in Boston, our buying a brownstone on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, when we were pioneers here, and my two children have been the transforming experiences of my life. My jobs have included working for Eastern and Icelandic Airlines and singing in a rathskeller. I also finished social work school at Fordham University and worked for a while in a clinic in the Bronx. My daughter, Marta, works for MTV and my son, Karlis, is a law student at NYU. Two little dogs and three cats complete the family picture." Okay, Margot, at some point I want to hear more about the rathskeller singing job! • I also heard from **Maureen Leahy Davis**. Her mother died last September and the *Boston Globe*, on learning of her death, and discovering that she had, at one time, modeled a Greta Garbo clothing line, told her story as follows: "Jane Leahy, at 93; model became Milton homemaker. In 1930, Jane Leahy was a high school graduate doing sales behind the counter of C.F. Hovey Company in downtown Boston, when she was asked to put her good looks to work. She modeled the Greta Garbo Collection and the modeling led to a slot in a local beauty pageant, but her career went by the wayside when she became smitten with her escort, assistant store manager, David H. Leahy, Sr. According to her daughter, it was love at first sight. Mrs. Leahy, who became a homemaker and raised five children, died of natural causes at the Hancock Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Quincy." I'm sure everyone joins me in sympathizing with you on the loss of your mother, Maureen, but I do want to thank you for sharing her story with us. • Now for a little post-reunion update. I had lunch after the reunion with **Joan Nicolaysen Taubner**, **Carol Sinnott**

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Ulmer and Rosemarie Van Eyck Winslow, and we played "guess who this is" with my reunion photos. I'm happy to report that Joan and Carol, both of whom were unable to attend the reunion, did quite nicely in the recognition department, which means, I hope, that we all looked as good as we thought we looked. • I also saw **Jill Schoemer Hunter** when she was visiting with her sister in New York this spring. Jill missed the reunion because her son, Craig, and his wife, Ky, were awaiting the birth of their child. Well, James Soon Hunter arrived on June 8. Congratulations to all the Hunters, parents and grandparents alike.

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REUNION YEAR

Victor F. Ciardello and **Jeffrey P. Somers** (Law '68) are candidates for the 2005-06 Boston College Alumni Association National Board of Directors. Please take the time to review the ballot and candidate information beginning on page 32 of this Class Notes section. Your participation in this election process is important. Cast your vote today!

Jim Nelson writes that he had the once-in-a-lifetime experience of spending the month of August in Athens at the Olympic Games. It was a return trip for Jim, who had spent 1972 playing professional basketball in Athens. Jim was there for the opening ceremony and had the opportunity to witness 17 events, as well as trips to Corinth, Delphi and Santorini. Jim also reconnected with former Greek teammates and their families and had wonderful dinners in Piereaus, the Port City of Athens. On the final evening, the performance of Sarah Brightman as she performed "Harem" was great. Jim teaches the history of Olympic Games at Suffolk University and could bring to the class first-hand accounts of these Olympics. Jim is also director of athletics at Suffolk. • After almost nine years as the chief commercial appraiser for Shelby County, TN, which includes Memphis and Elvis's Graceland, **Kevin Bokoske** has relocated to Fort Lauderdale, FL, functioning as the chief review appraiser for Broward County. Kevin and his wife, Nancy, are residing in an in-town condo after 45 years of living in the traditional suburban dwelling. Jim says it certainly is agreeing with them. Before leaving Memphis, Kevin was presented the national 2004 award for the best article or essay to appear in the *Assessor Journal*. Thank you to Jim and Kevin for sending me this information. • Please mark your calendars for our reunion, June 3-5, 2005.

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Connie Lynch Godin, **Mary McGinn**, **Donna Cianelli**, **Gretchen Monaghan Sterling** and **Priscilla Durkin** returned to the Newton campus for the first committee meeting to begin plans for our reunion. If you would like to help out on

the committee, call Julie Nuzzo at the Alumni Office at 617-552-4577 or e-mail her at julie.nuzzo@bc.edu. I hope you have already made your plans to attend the reunion on June 3-5. Those of us who went to the 35th had a blast! • **Judy Maguire** took time off from riding her horses to join **Gay Friedman** on a trip to Lucca in Italy in May. Judy also went to Florence, and Gay visited Venice and Lake Como. • **Betsy Warren Werronen** has been elected National Republican Committee woman for the District of Columbia. She will be giving up her post as chair of the DC Republican Party in January 2005. • **Libby Miller Fitzgerald** is living in Lynchburg, VA. She has recently completed a book about her father's biography and memoirs, entitled *Bill Miller: Do You Know Me; A Daughter Remembers*. You may remember that Libby's dad ran for vice president in 1964. Libby tells me that there are some mentions of Newton in the book. • The reunion isn't far off now. Please try to contact a classmate and make your plans to attend. While you are thinking about it, how about sending an update for our next column? Be sure to put Newton News on the subject line so I don't delete it as spam. Looking forward to seeing you in June in Boston!

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Janice Barrett has been appointed the new associate dean of the School of Communications at Quinnipiac University. She spent the past year teaching and conducting research as a Fulbright scholar in the graduate communications program at Dublin City University in Ireland. She is the founding director of Boston University's Communication, Culture and Media Program at Dublin City University.

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John Agresto returned from Iraq in June 2004 after having served as senior US advisor to the Iraq Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Thank you, John, for your service to others in the 10 months you were in Iraq. • **Tom Walsh** writes that he is settling into the south in Deep River, CT. • **Carol Ann (Fronc) Bejtlich** writes that she has two new granddaughters: Olivia, born September 30, and Elise, born November 15. Connie and Anna make four to help Carol and Richard enjoy their retirement. Carol is teaching knitting in North Chelmsford and Richard is enjoying selling on E-bay and working ham radio stations all over the world. • **Mary-Anne** and **Charles Benedict** had two weddings this fall; their youngest daughter, Laura, was married September 18 with the reception in their tented back yard at home in Newton, and their oldest daughter, Annmarie Rose, was mar-

ried five weeks later in New York. Their third daughter, Helene Benedict Mastin ('96) will have delivered their first grandchild by the time you read this! It certainly has been a year of family expansion! • Good to see **Dennis Griffin** and family at the Rutgers game as well as **Dan Sullivan** at his family tailgate. Also saw **Bob McGinn** and **Ann Costello Galligan** at the Syracuse game. • The November 11 Veterans Remembrance Mass and ceremony brought together **Marty Paul**, **Mike Ryan**, **John St. George** and Mary-Anne and Charles Benedict, veterans all. Fr. McInnes, alumni chaplain, celebrated the Mass. Fr. McInnes is a veteran of World War II. • Congrats to **Sal Dimasi** on his election to the speakership of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. • Congrats also to **Dick Powers** on his recent appointment as a Boston College trustee. Dick is co-chair of the Wall Street Council and with his wife, Colleen, is co-chair of the Parents' Council. Dick and his brother John ('73), also a trustee, made an endowment gift to name the Fulton Hall atrium in honor of their parents, Richard F. Powers, Jr. ('40) and Mary F. Powers. • The class offers its condolences to Rev. **Nick Sannella** upon the passing of his father, Nicholas, in November 2004. Your correspondents represented the class at the wake, which was held at Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Wakefield, Fr. Nick's home parish.

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"My outdoors mailbox has been pretty bare; no class news these past three months." Gee, do these words sound familiar? They started the last column I wrote as well. I did see mention of one of our classmates in the *Washington Post* back in October. No indication of her Newton connection, but sound bites are not known for providing much information. **Jane Hannaway** was weighing in on the influence of parent organizations on major education issues from her position as the director of the Education Policy Center at the Urban Institute. • With more personal news, **Lynn Kuckro Sundermann** did e-mail me last fall! She provided a special update to her life: "Let's see: Hal and I celebrated 36 years together recently. The children: David is in Marriott management and has a wonderful son, Wolfgang. (Ah, Cincinnati is a very German town.) Mike is a chemistry professor in Houston and due to marry this January. Betsy, the baby, is a county prosecutor. I've had a wonderful run, first at home, then into teaching, then principal of a Catholic school. Then about six to seven years ago, I suddenly ran out of steam with the weirdest mixed symptoms. I retired and found out shortly after that I have multiple sclerosis. I'm doing wonderfully well with a regimen of terrific doctors and medicines. So, I am delighted to be able to be back in education as assistant principal of my parish school. They let me take off one day a week to recoup. I'm also serving my 10th year on the County Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Board. As an aside, I'm really curious about why people develop MS. It's the most prevalent

among well educated, middle- to upper-class white females who spent time in New England, especially Connecticut, before the age of 21. It strikes one in 1,000. So, are there any more of us Newtonians? If you feel like answering, send your address to Adrienne and she will make the connections between us. Many thanks... part of my research project is searching for a cause. I also want to thank everyone who writes regularly with class news. You all are so productive and caring and involved with family, friends, careers, etc. I love to read it all. Keep the news flowing. If I can write in after years of quiet anonymity, you can too. I love you all." We in turn will keep Lynn and any other of our less than healthy classmates in our prayers... hope you all are avoiding the flu this year. • Our prayers and condolences also go to **Ann Caswell Prior** on the passing of her mother last September. I am trying to get our class prayer network back up after my computer crash last summer. Please renew your interest by getting back in touch with me so I can update my addresses. And hopefully you will be inspired to send news at the same time.

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I was pleased to hear from **Cathy Hardy Bobzien**, who ran into some of our classmates during the past several months. She reports that **Mary Beth Dereniuk Dumouchel** and her husband, Bob, live in Rhode Island and have three children. The oldest, Claire, is married; their son, Justin, is in his surgical residency; and their youngest, Kate, is a student at Brown. Cathy visited **Donna Sikora Rubinstein** and her husband, Robert, who live in California with their two children. Cathy, herself, is still teaching college math and is an AP calculus reader. (I am getting a headache just typing the word "calculus.") She has two sons, one of whom is a webmaster for the University of Nevada, and the other a member of the therapeutic support staff for the Mentor Network in Philadelphia. Nice to hear that there are such different kinds of jobs out there! Cathy is off to her 40th high school reunion this year... so many of you might be as well. Let me know if you run into some of your old Newton classmates along the way.

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Richard Rhau is superintendent of the Saugerties, NY, school district. Richard served 17 years as the superintendent of the Salem City school district in New Jersey before retiring from that position. Richard and his wife, Kathy, reside in Medford, NJ, but may be relocating to New York. They have two daughters, Stashia, a radiology technician, and Lindsay, who is a senior at West Virginia University. • I hope all is well with you. Please take time to write or e-mail me and let me know what is new with you.

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Spring greetings! Not as a desperate housewife, but as a desperate columnist, I sent out 25 letters and then blitzed those same classmates with an e-mail, if I had their addresses. This is what I collected, so enjoy. • **Pat East Allison** lives in Houston, TX, where she is a partner with her husband, Bill Allison, in the law firm Allison & Shoemaker LLP. Pat specializes in international oil and gas legal transactions, while Bill is a defense-oriented litigator for corporations in civil matters. Pat is currently the director of the US chapter of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators, an organization with almost 2,000 members. Pat and Bill have three daughters. Lauren (29) is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is a business consultant with Deloitte, based in New York City. Courtney (27) is a graduate of the University of Texas, is married, and is a teacher in Houston. Megan (19) is a sophomore majoring in film at Hofstra University on Long Island. Megan recently won a prestigious competition for young playwrights and had her play performed by professional actors before a live audience. Pat writes that she is always impressed by how well all of our Newton classmates are doing when she reads this column. She'd love to hear from you at pallison@allshoe.com. If you ever plan to visit in the Houston area, she'd love to see you. Thank you, Pat, for the above news and thank you for writing it for me. Gosh, if I retire as columnist, I think I know who could replace me! • **BJ Weber Falle** thinks she doesn't have anything exciting to write about but she does. I love any kind of news. After staying home with her kids, she returned to the business world and has been with her current company, Alcan Corporation, for seven years. She is an inside sales representative with Alcan, a Canadian company. Alcan is Aluminum Corporation of Canada, as Alcoa is Aluminum Corporation of America. The company is about to spin off in January 2005 as Novelis, a new company separate from Alcan. This will be a strictly manufacturing and selling arm of aluminum, without the process of taking it from the earth. Her area of the business sells the large coils for aluminum to make cans. BJ's husband, Bob, has been with Smith Barney as a vice president and senior financial consultant for more years than she can count. Her son, Rob, is 25 and lives in Colorado. He loves life working at

the ski resorts in the area. He designs and builds jumps in the snowboard terrain parks. BJ's daughter, Liz, is 22 and a senior at the University of Dayton majoring in finance. With luck, BJ and her husband will be finished with the college dole in May! Anybody visiting the Cleveland area is most welcome to visit. She can be contacted at BetteFaller@alcan.com. Thank you, BJ, for your news. • **Sarah (Sally) Ford Baine** e-mailed me that she likes to read about others in this column. She remains very involved at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Her husband, Steve, has taken on a job in Columbus, OH, and also started up a fund in Chicago, so they take turns commuting. She says it is crazy but it works. Their two oldest children are married and living in Chicago. Their third has been a pediatric oncology nurse in New York City but has returned to Chicago to get her practitioner's degree and lives in the apartment over their garage. Their youngest, a son, is enjoying being a sophomore at Fordham University. Sarah and her family had 46 for Thanksgiving last year. Now that's a feat in itself. Thank you, Sarah, for the news. • **Diane Palmer Lilly** writes from her BlackBerry wireless (my son has one of those!) that she has been working for Wells Fargo for 26 years now. She heads up government relations and CRA risk departments for the company. She is based in Minneapolis but travels a lot to San Francisco, so she wants to know if there are any Newtonians there. Her daughter is a senior in high school going through the college application process as I write. She is hoping to hear early action. Let us know where she goes and good luck in that process, Diane, and thank you for your news. • I wrote **Sarah Pfister Plaston**, but she had already sent me a postcard of Big Ben from London. She accompanied her husband, Joe, on a project this past fall. She thinks London has changed because Starbucks is all over central London. She is happy that the theater and museums have not changed. Keep those postcards coming, Sarah. • If you have been attentive to NPR and CNN lately, you may have heard our very own Vincent Tuohey Jr., son of **Carol Romano Tuohey**, being interviewed about his work in Iraq. We're proud of him, as are his parents. I guess that is it. Beware; you may be next to receive a letter or an e-mail from a desperate columnist.

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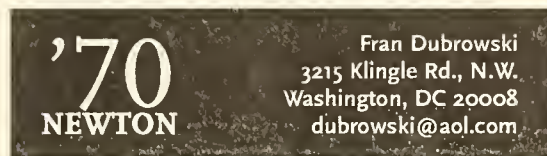
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REUNION YEAR

Hi gang. After a few years off, I felt it was time to dust off the old typewriter (now a computer) and see if I can finally figure out how to be a columnist. Drop me a line and let me know if I've made it yet. • Need to start out by reminding you all that, believe it or not, we're 35 years out of alma mater this year, certainly an event to celebrate, and party we will on the weekend of June 3-5, 2005. More information to come, but be there. • Speaking of the campus, one classmate who has kept his feet planted there is **Bernie O'Kane**, the director of employee development in the Human Resources Department. Bernie

has been with the school for 33 years now. His wife, Patty ('78), is the admissions coordinator for graduate admissions in the Lynch School of Education, while oldest son Connor ('00) is the assistant chaplain for international service in the office of Campus Ministry. Second son Andrew ('03) and youngest son Greg ('08) round out a full Maroon and Gold sweep. Saw Bernie and Patti a lot this season as they regularly hosted one of the best game-day tailgates in all of Chestnut Hill. • Also have to mention another classmate very involved in the BC sports scene: that's Fr. **Tony Penna**, the faculty representative to athletics; and, no he can't get you 50-yard-line seats. • Got a note from **Jim Lucia**, another classmate long involved in the academic world. Jim is a middle school social studies teacher in Billerica, where he reports life is going great. His family includes his wife, Peg, two married sons and a third in his junior year at the Heights. Jim was happy to talk about his three granddaughters, ages six, four and two. Can anyone report any older grandchildren? Hard to believe that we're talking about grandchildren, but to quote the poet, "That's life." • **Brad Smith** is also one who has remained involved in the world of education and was honored this year by being selected as the president of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council. Brad is the athletic director at Bridgeton Academy, where he also serves as the assistant headmaster, baseball coach and an English instructor. He is the first athletic director from Maine to serve in this post for NEPSAC, an organization that covers 165 independent schools throughout New England. • I was back on campus myself last May to watch my son David graduate with a degree in accounting from the Carroll School of Management. Joanne and I have another son, John, a junior at Springfield College, where he is an aspiring physical education teacher. • One of David's best friends at BC was Brian Doucette, son of **Joan Sheridan Doucette**. Joan and I never put our BC connection together until it came up while having dinner during family weekend in 2002. She is an RN in Plymouth and lives in nearby Halifax with her husband, Paul. She also has an older daughter, Danielle. • One who has traveled far afield from the campus is **John Nash**, who has found success in Memphis, TN. John is the executive vice president and chief operating officer of St. Jude's Children's Hospital. John, his wife, Carol, and daughter, Molly, left the Boston area about a decade ago for the warmer climes. Life seems great but he does miss seeing the Boston crowd. • One classmate who might now have time for visiting down south is **Greg Miller**, who recently fulfilled a longtime goal and was able to retire at 55. After a career in finance with several of Greater Boston's best-known companies, Gregg was able to leave it behind, and now works on his handicap and plans road trips to Duke, Maryland and Florida State, etc. • A fact of life as the years pass is a final word about those who go before us. **Larry Monks** died in June 2004. Larry, a resident of Hudson, was a patent attorney for a company in Tewksbury. **Mary McDonough Mallon**, a Concord resident, passed away in November 2004. This of course hits close to us all, as Mary leaves her husband and our classmate, **Bill Mallon**. Our sympathy is

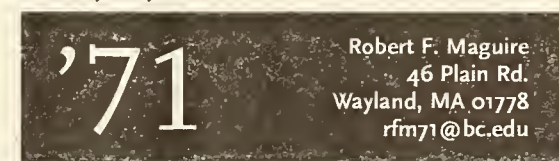
extended to the Monks and McDonough families. • See you next time and hope you all enjoyed the pleasures of downtown Charlotte.



REUNION YEAR

My inbox this month contains tidbits from many quarters. • **Jane Garvey Reilly** is a sailing and swimming instructor and teaches at the Sacred Heart School in Miami, where she just moved. She is eager to contact alumnae living in or visiting the Miami area. She is particularly proud of her offspring: all three settled in locations that are great fun to visit. Her daughter, an artist and a lawyer, lives in Boston; one son, an architect, resides nearby in Miami; another son settled in Portsmouth Abbey in Newport, RI. May we all be so fortunate! • **Julie McCarthy** and husband Jerry Levine visited their daughter at Boston University for parents' weekend and used the occasion to renew Newton ties with **Liz Scannell Burke** and husband Jack, who reside in West Roxbury, and **Jane McMahon** and daughter Annie, who drove up from Litchfield, CT, for a prospective student college tour. It was a long-awaited reunion for all. • **Rita Houlihan** visited **Nancy Durkin Orazem** in Boston for her birthday and used the occasion to attend a tea for Newton alumnae, finding the opportunity to reconnect with Newton friends delightful. (Incidentally, anyone in need of a pick-me-up should dial Rita at home and listen to her cheery voice mail greeting in Italian; it is enough to make you feel as if you are on your way to Tuscany.) • **Cathy Flaherty-Vella** thanks everyone for their prayers and positive thoughts – please keep these coming! She is home safe and sound after a shunt insertion. We wish her continued good health. • **Harriet Mullaney** joined the board of the Denver Justice and Peace Committee, a volunteer organization promoting human rights, economic justice and peace in Latin America. She is helping to develop a curriculum for Global Solutions to Violence, a program that offers interactive classes to high school students on peacemaking and nonviolent conflict resolution. Her organization also sponsors human rights observers in Guatemala and supports a health clinic in a community resettled after the civil war. To urge American consumers to use their buying power to end sweatshop labor, she helped organize consumer support for "Just Garments," clothing made in an El Salvadoran factory with a newly formed democratic trade union and marketed in the United States by No Sweat. • **Fran De La Chapelle, RSCJ**, is overjoyed that Cor Unum, the new theater center she has built at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, is open and ready for student performances. An amazing facility for any middle or high school – much less a school of Stuart's small size – the building contains a black box theater and stands as visible proof of the school's commitment to the performing arts. • **Barbara Coveney Harkins**, our reunion class chairperson, wrote to say that she is planning our class anniversary party on Saturday evening, June 4,

2005. A reunion brochure with a cover photo of Alumni House (Putnam House) will be mailed to you in March and will include all the weekend details. Be sure to encourage your friends and classmates to revisit the Newton campus in all of its splendor this spring and enjoy the Newton reunion festivities. Julie Nuzzo (NC '74), assistant director of Newton College at the BC Alumni Association, is available at 617-552-4577 or at julie.nuzzo@bc.edu to answer any reunion questions you may have. Begin planning now so we can have an amazing 1970 class turnout. • Finally, as the parent of a high school senior who just finished the college application gauntlet, I send best wishes to all who are similarly situated and await "fat envelopes" with acceptance letters for their offspring this spring. May their dreams come true! Please keep your news coming and many, many thanks to all who have sent info my way!



Brian Shaughnessy reports a spirited gathering of his clan in Galway at the village of Kenvarra, home to 380 souls and 13 pubs! • **Marnie and Peter Oberto** have had an eventful year, with the July 2004 marriage of daughter Christine ('99) at a mountain ranch just outside of Vail, CO, and the September birth of grandson Edward to son Paul and his wife, Emily. • Our condolences are extended to **Edward J. O'Brien, Jr.** and his family upon the October 2004 passing of his father, Edward, a Triple Eagle from the great class of 1935. • Spotted in the news was our **Bob Lucey**, pictured in the *Boston Globe* with Nancy Kerrigan and sporting a Stetson while listed as executive producer of a new movie, *The Easter Egg Escapade*. • **Brianne Fitzgerald** wrote a December 2004 article in the *Herald* detailing some small victories in the AIDS war. The headline was Koh Kong, Cambodia, and outlined were her observances as an AIDS nurse volunteering with The International Center for Equal Healthcare Access. The need is real and as Brianne wrote, "Those of us who have seen the need in this village cannot forget – and neither should those back home." • Our condolences are extended to **Brian Curry**, Jack Curry ('68), Mike Curry ('74) and their families upon the September passing of their dad, John V. "Bud"

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Curry ('45). Bud faithfully served his family, his church, his country and BC. He will be missed. • I spoke with **Paul Collins** and **Chris Gorgone** at the Curry wake. Both looked great and said their families are doing well. Please e-mail or write with news of you and your families.

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Melissa Robbins dropped a line to let us know she was very busy and well. **Sharon Zailckas Lena** sent news that their oldest son, Richard, his wife, Stephanie, and daughter, Lauren, were stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC, since March 2004. Rich is an aviator and now a company commander for the 82nd Airborne Division. Their younger son, Christopher, graduated from USUHS medical school in May. Chris is doing his internship and residency in orthopedic surgery at Brooke Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. The Lenas are still living in the Tampa Bay, FL, area. Sharon celebrated another September birthday and had spoken to **Peg Marcotte** on the telephone to reminisce. We received loads of news from **Ann Butler**, who had a chance to send the update in the midst of all her traveling. Ann Butler's and Carlos Baladron's daughter, Elena, graduated from Rollins College in the spring of 2003 and decided to settle in Miami, FL. "Of course," Ann writes, "the first thing I did was put Elena in contact with Gigi to learn more about the area and where to live, etc. Thanks to Gigi and the wonderful network from Newton, Elena was able to make an informed decision. She was hired as a trainer with L'Oreal. Her territory is the Northeast, so she travels home to New York and Boston regularly." (Glad I was able to help out.) Ann and Carlos flew down to Naples and met Elena there, but did not get to spend any time in Miami. She promises to call next time she is in town. Ann tells me that **Ann Forquer** organized a class reunion (30+ people) in the DC area in November 2004. Although Ann Butler had business in DC, she missed it by a few days. The guest list included Meg Anderson, **Beth Cooney Maher**, **Mary Lou Duddy Delong**, **Anne Duffey Phelan**, **Jacqueline Forbes**, **Kathy Friedmann Munroe**, **Elise Gillette**, **Joan Gillette Giannetti**, **Marianne Griffin Devine**, **Bonnie Gunlocke Graham**, **Mary Kay Higdon Cox**,

Martha Kendrick Kettner, **Jo Anne Kennedy**, **Susan Killory Lea**, **Kathy Mahoney**, **Jean McVoy**, **Kildeen Moore Rogers**, **Kathy Morrison McShane**, **Mary Mountain Dare**, **Renie Nachtigal Patterson**, **Angela Nanni Scott**, **Chris Peterson Spader**, **Shannon Randall**, **Maryanne Roach Innes**, **Marie Robey Wood**, **Kate Russell**, **Mary Ryan Dean**, **Susan Schruth**, **Chris Schwarz Becker**, **Eva Sereghy**, **Patrice Slattery**, **Nancy Stearns Calcagnini**, **Carol Tiffany Hastings**, **Kathy Torrance Burgess**, and **Eileen Wiegand Sutula**. **Jane Hudson** would have gone, but her father had just passed away. The reunion had people coming in from all over, and the reason was to just get together. Anne thinks that it was so successful, people are thinking of doing it again next year, maybe in Florida! Anyone else had a reunion? Don't forget to let everyone know via Class Notes. Stay well and as always, my love and prayers.

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It's time for my annual report on our BC sports-watching club here in Los Angeles. We got more than we bargained for this year—eight regular-season football wins; a visit by the men's basketball team and a first-ever win over UCLA, in the John Wooden Classic; a mention of our headquarters (Sonny McLean's in Santa Monica) in *Sports Illustrated* (it's also a haven for Red Sox fans); and frequent commercials (for the product Prilosec) in which our president Harry Hirshorn ('89) appears. • I got some more news than I bargained for when **Jack Looney** called to announce that he's a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. Jack is an environmental attorney in Hartford. He reports that **Jack Cullen**, who's retired from his job as a probation officer in Stamford, CT, got a master's degree in counseling from Fairfield University; that **Bill Liska** is general counsel for a title insurance company in Hartford, CT, and has a son applying to BC; and that **Pete Gagliardi** works for Aetna Insurances in Middletown, CT, in information technology. Pete's son is in the first co-ed class at Emmanuel College, where he plays varsity soccer. • I spoke to my double classmate (BC and Dartmouth's Tuck School) **Jack Harrington**, who reports that he's working for God as the chief financial officer for the Dutch Reformed Church in Manhattan. A resident of Brewster, NY, Jack has a son at the University of Rochester and a daughter who's a SUNY-Albany graduate. He reports that our other double classmate, **George Pijewski**, works at Fidelity in Boston and has a son who attends Brown. • Received a great photo of **Vin Shanley**, president of the Pike's Peak Hockey Club, with Richard Schoenfeld ('74), co-chairman of the golf tournament, and Grace Cotter Regan ('82), execu-

tive director of the BC Alumni Association, at this year's tournament on August 2, 2004. • Finally, condolences to the family of **Bernard Walsh**, who passed away last year. He was the marketing director of a furniture company in Simsbury, CT. He's survived by a widow and two grown children.

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When you read this column, you will still have time to join us in April 2005 for the Newton College Alumnae Annual Spring Tea. • In September 2004, **Maureen Kelly** and **Sally Burns** held the first Newton Summer Tea on the West Coast, naturally on the beach in southern California with iced tea. Kelly also writes that she recently contacted **Penny Price Nachtman** in northern California. Penny is now principal of a public middle school and is enjoying it. Kelly's nephews will be going to that school in a few years. • Remember our vote is important in the Boston College alumni elections. • **Jane Hartley** is a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College. Jane is the CEO of the G7 Group, Inc., an international economic and political consulting firm whose clients include investment banks, hedge funds and multinational corporations. Jane has led a distinguished career in the telecommunications industry and the public sector, serving at the highest levels of government. She worked at the White House as a deputy assistant to the president in the Carter administration and was the director of congressional relations at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. • An October visit to Kenwood was heartwarming and gave me the chance to visit the famous ginkgo tree in the garden called Tawasentha, a reference to the Native American burial grounds located nearby. Benches donated by Newton College alumnae are under the ginkgo tree as well as arranged beside several pathways. This gives the members of the Pax Christi Community a secure place to meet and rest in good weather and enjoy the garden and nature. Landscaping is the next step in plans to renovate the garden. The Pax Christi Community is also grateful to us for sponsoring days of recollection and an intercongregational tea with retired religious from other orders in the Albany, NY, area. Carolyn Curtin, RSCJ, aunt of **Candy Curtin Barry** talked with me about her childhood in Waltham and her later studies in music. Faine McMullen, RSCJ, Elizabeth Sweeney, RSCJ, Claire Kondolf, RSCJ, discussed government benefits and health care options for the future. Gabrielle Husson, RSCJ, held a discussion on religious thought. Take a moment to send the Pax Christi Community St. Patrick's Day and Easter cards with pictures and news. After visiting Kenwood, I attended the dedication of the Sweeney-Husson Building at the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Newton. The speech by Gabrielle Husson, RSCJ, touched the core of a Sacred Heart education as one "faith filled" with a "solid foundation not recognition" and a "clarity of vision."

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Hello classmates. I received word that classmate **Richard M. Gelb** was recognized in October 2004 by *Boston Magazine* as a 2004 Super Lawyer. Massachusetts Super Lawyers 2004 is a list of top lawyers in the state who were chosen by their peers as leaders in their profession based on a survey of more than 37,000 Massachusetts lawyers. Richard is a partner in Gelb and Gelb LLP and he was recognized for his expertise in the area of business litigation. He also was chosen for the 2005-06 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. • The chairman of the Boston College Fund is our classmate **John Powers**, who was featured on page 29 of the last issue of Boston College Magazine. John and his brother, Dick ('67), made an endowment gift to name the Fulton Hall atrium in honor of their parents, Richard F. Powers, Jr. ('40) and Mary F. Powers. • We also learned that **Dan Toussant** was promoted to shareholder in the Philadelphia office of Rea & Associates Inc., a regional accounting and business consulting firm. • That is all for this column. I noticed that 37 people from our class have registered with classmates.com. Check it out! Please e-mail your news by March 1, 2005, if you wish to make the next issue of the BC magazine, due out in May. Thanks!

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Congratulations and thank you to the Reunion Committee, including **Trisha, Julie, Mary Lou, Jodi** and the rest of the reunion crew, for making our 30th reunion so much fun! Your class correspondent had so much fun, she forgot to write the reunion newsnotes! Your class correspondent sends her gratitude to **Julie Nuzzo** for writing this issue's class notes. Julie writes: "In the last several months, I have had the good fortune to spend time with some of my Newton friends. Last June, our daughter Beth (Law '03) married Adam Newmark at the Old North Church in Boston. Beth is a practicing attorney in Boston and Adam, who also works in Boston, will graduate with his MBA from BC in June 2005. They met at the University of Pennsylvania, from which they graduated in 2000. The wedding was beautiful and the reception was splendid with our friends and family there to celebrate with us. Ron and **Deirdre Finn Romanowski**, Glenn and **Trisha Keough Almquist**, Crystal Day and **Mary Faith Schilling de Saavedra** were

among the Newton guests who joined us. Deirdre works in the Whippany, NJ, school system. Trisha works at East Providence High School in Rhode Island as a school counselor in grades 9-12, where her focus is academic, social and career counseling. Mary Faith, who survived Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne with little damage to her psyche or personal property, is guidance director at William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Congratulations to Crystal Day! Crystal works at Hewlett-Packard, where she was just named a 2004 Enterprise Storage & Servers, Americas Region, "Most Valuable Player." The award recognizes Crystal's contributions to customer satisfaction, teamwork and growth and places Crystal in a very unique group among her HP peers. In October, Crystal and Mary Faith surprised me on my birthday when they appeared at my front door for a celebration dinner with our family. More recently, **Elena Morelli Van Poznak, Mary Gail Bryan**, Trisha Almquist, Crystal Day and **Nancy Arone Bassett** and I met in Boston for dinner. Although we were aware Elena resided in New Jersey, the five of us had not seen her in 30 years. Needless to say, it was an evening to remember as we reminisced about our Newton days and caught up on our interesting and busy lives. Elena and her husband, Ted, have four children. After many years teaching high school English, Elena is taking a break to spend more time with her family. Mary Gail is the guidance chairman for grades K-12 in the Scituate public school system. Scituate has discovered what we always knew... Mary Gail is a kindred spirit. She brings her brand of comic relief to her counseling position, which Scituate appreciates. Nancy lived in Duchesne East for two years before transferring to BC, where she graduated from the Lynch School of Education. Trisha, Glenn, my husband, Tony, and I tailgate before each BC home football game. In early November, **Maria**

Silvestro Curtis and John ('72) hosted a tailgate party on Shea Field prior to the BC vs. Rutgers game and invited the four of us to join them. Maria and John's son, Christopher, is a BC junior and daughter Kim ('99) works in New York City. Dan and **Elise Gaudreau Bradley** were there with their two sons, Danny and Michael. Danny was married last May and Michael is a senior in high school. Daughter Jenny lives and works in Washington, DC. Elise teaches Spanish and loves every minute of it." Thank you to Julie for the notes. If you read these notes, it is your turn to submit the news!

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REUNION YEAR

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What a thrill it was to be in South Bend, IN, and witness one of the greatest comebacks in Eagle sports! Reveling in the stunning 24-23 BC victory over Notre Dame were classmates **Jayne Saperstein Mehne** and her husband, Chris ('74), **Candice Kelley McLaughlin** and her handsome 11-year-old son, Patrick Kelley McLaughlin, **Barbara Mackin** and yours truly. Candy and her son live in Dover. Patrick Kelley McLaughlin is the only grandchild of the great John "Snooks" Kelley, who coached BC hockey for 36 years. He is an excellent sixth-grade student, plays baseball and lacrosse in the spring and hockey in the winter. Without saying he is a rabid BC fan and especially loves bringing pals to the Kelley Rink, named in honor of his grandfather. Candy's

event calendar

MARCH			
6	2 P.M.	Laetare Sunday	St. Ignatius
APRIL			
3	1 P.M.	Newton College Spring Tea	Bethesda, MD
30	4:30 P.M.	Alumni Evening at the Arts Festival	Lyons Hall
JUNE			
2-5	ALL DAY	Reunion 2005	Campus-wide
27	TIME TBD	Third Annual Boston Chapter Golf Tournament	Hopkinton

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mom lives with them in Dover and watches the Eagles on television, cheering them on as she has for decades. For those of us spending the weekend in Chicago there was plenty of pre- and post-game cheer with BC alumni in the city's great restaurants and pubs. • There certainly was no shortage of tailgating back on campus this season. Jayne and Chris hosted wonderful parties at daughter Julie's mod. Julie is a member of the Class of '05. Around the bend at Edmonds, **Jo Ann Przewoznik Woods** and her husband, Warren ('74), graciously hosted tailgates with their son Warren Jr., a junior at BC. • I would like to thank **Susan Darveau Murphy** and Candy Kelley McLaughlin for providing information on **Anne Healy Osman's** memorial Mass held at St. Mary's on November 20, 2004. It was a lovely Mass celebrated by Fr. Hanrahan, who looks great at 39! Anne's sister Mary Ellen Healy Crocker, who lives in Boston, represented the family. She related to them how Anne's illness progressed, and they were heartbroken to learn that the baby of their family, Phillip ('85), died this summer in a tragic car accident. Please remember the Healy family in your prayers. They were all taken with how deeply their time at BC affected their lives, and although classmates have gone different ways, and for the most part lost touch, they had wonderful memories. They laughed and cried and vowed never to let so much time go by again. In attendance were **Maryann Grusetskie Billington**, **Mary Kane**, **Mary Conway**, **Chris Turek Ruel** and her husband, Candy Kelley McLaughlin, **Sally Hanke**, and Susan Darveau Murphy and her brother Peter ('76). • Maryann Grusetski Billington has two sons, one in college and one in high school. She and her husband lived in Sudbury for years and moved to Colorado with the agreement that it would be for two years. Needless to say they loved it and never left. She graciously offered the group her vacation condo for a get-together. • Mary Kane sold her home in Connecticut and moved to Manhattan. She lives in a fabulous apartment in Central Park South and is working for Solomon Brothers. • Mary Conway is teaching, lives in Springfield and enjoys her home on Cape Cod. She lost her dad many years ago and, sadly, lost her mother recently. • Chris Turek Ruel and her husband live in Weymouth with their two children. She is a nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital. • Sally Hanke Lynch is teaching in Brighton at St.

Colombville's grammar school. She and Neil Manning have been living in Newton for many years and also enjoy their home in Humarock. • Susan Darveau Murphy, who organized the Mass for dear Anne, lives in Milton with her husband and two daughters. Katie is a sophomore at BC School of Nursing (like her mom). Jackie is a senior in high school hoping to go to Cornell or another Ivy League school. Sue still dabbles in the art of nursing, working for a few hours a week for a plastic surgeon in Brookline. After a long dedicated career she is enjoying her terrific husband, Arthur, and spending time at their vacation home in Sunday River, ME, and visiting various European countries each summer with their beautiful daughters. Susan's brother, Peter Darveau ('76), assisted on the altar, and joined the group for a private luncheon at the Stockyard Restaurant in Brighton reminiscing and laughing at the old photographs. It was a wonderful day, despite their tears. Maryann Grusetskie told them a story about how excited she was to see the group and collected pictures, etc. Her son asked her why it meant so much to her, when these people didn't seem to be such a part of her life as far as he could see. She tried very hard to explain the unexplainable, how much BC meant to each and every one of us, all different, all joined and still connected. They toasted Anne, their families, and each other and prayed for peace on earth. • Hopefully, we will all be at the reunion in June to enjoy another wonderful celebration. Look for the reunion brochure in the mail and save the date: June 3-5, 2005. • Congratulations to **Judy Gunderson Groop** on receiving an award for Best Nurse Leader for 2004 by *Advance for Nurses* news magazine for the greater Philly tri-state area. Judy oversees six staff nurses at Messiah College's Engle Health Center. She was presented with an engraved plaque commemorating her first-place showing in the contest and will be treated to a special celebration, courtesy of *Advance*. She will also serve as honorary editorial advisory board member of *Advance for Nurses* for one year, and her first-place win will be publicized in the nine other regional editions of the magazine. • Classmates, you know any and all news is most welcome. Please keep in touch.

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REUNION YEAR

Interestingly, many e-mails received for this column had a common theme. Read on and see if you can find it! **Barbara Callahan Saldarriaga** sent a long e-mail from her battery-operated laptop during Hurricane Frances! Barbara and family live in Orlando, FL, and made it safely through three hurricanes. She and Juan celebrated their 25th anniversary in June 2004 just after oldest son Peter graduated from Harvard and daughter Christina graduated from high school. Their second son, Paul, attends Brown and their youngest, Michael, is a sophomore in high school. Barbara also wrote that while attending Brown's parents' weekend in fall 2003

she unexpectedly found herself sitting one table away from **Monica Dursi**, whose daughter also attends Brown. (Barbara says Monica looks just as she did at Newton!) • **Cyndee Crow Frere** and husband Ron have been the proud owners of the Snow Goose Inn (www.snowgooseinn.com) in West Dover, VT, near Mt. Snow since November 2004. (She pointed out that Mt. Snow celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2004 and, sadly, we are all older than the mountain!) She and Ron celebrated their 30th anniversary in October 2004. • **Melanie Byrne Thomas** writes that she had a truly extraordinary experience in fall 2004. She spent several weeks in the Middle East, participating in the medical care of His Highness Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan, the emir of Abu Dhabi and president of the United Arab Emirates. In her own words, "In addition to the privilege of taking care of this man who was a visionary leader of the UAE for 40 years and brought the country from an impoverished desert to a modern, peaceful and productive nation, I learned a great deal about the Muslim religion, culture and people." You may remember that Melanie is a faculty member at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, and so this was an unforgettable experience for her. • **Laura Zerbinati** wrote to say that she was flying from New York City to Miami in September 2004 and in her assigned seat on the plane was, surprise, **Teresa Valdes-Fauli**. The probabilities are so remote! • Lastly, I attended a craft fair at a lovely old church in Redding, CT, in October 2004 with my dear high school friend, Mimi, who makes and sells beautiful handcrafted soaps. I came across a silent auction item from a photographer whose last name is Griffin. Then I got to thinkin' and made a phone call. Imagine **Posey Holland Griffin's** surprise to hear my voice, in Redding, CT, calling from what I came to find out was her church, of all places! We caught up at the fair later in the day for a great visit! • In preparation for our 30th reunion, **Kathy Curry Thibault** is looking for pictures from our years at Newton. Please scan these photos and e-mail them to her at thibault1@bellatlantic.net. You can also mail the photos to her at 11 Regan Road, Walpole, MA 02081. See you at our reunion, June 3-5, 2005!

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Gerald B. Shea and wife Karen are pleased to announce the blessed arrival of twin girls on November 1, 2004. Emily Marie and Margaret "Meg" Anne are delightful, even at feeding times, and their father is constantly humming the BC fight song in lieu of any mundane lullaby (dismaying their mother, Holy Cross '85!). Rev. **Thomas Regan**, SJ, now New England Provincial for the Jesuits, honored all concerned by baptizing the babies at St. Ignatius. It truly is a wonderful life! • **Debra Carrier** and **Mary Steele**

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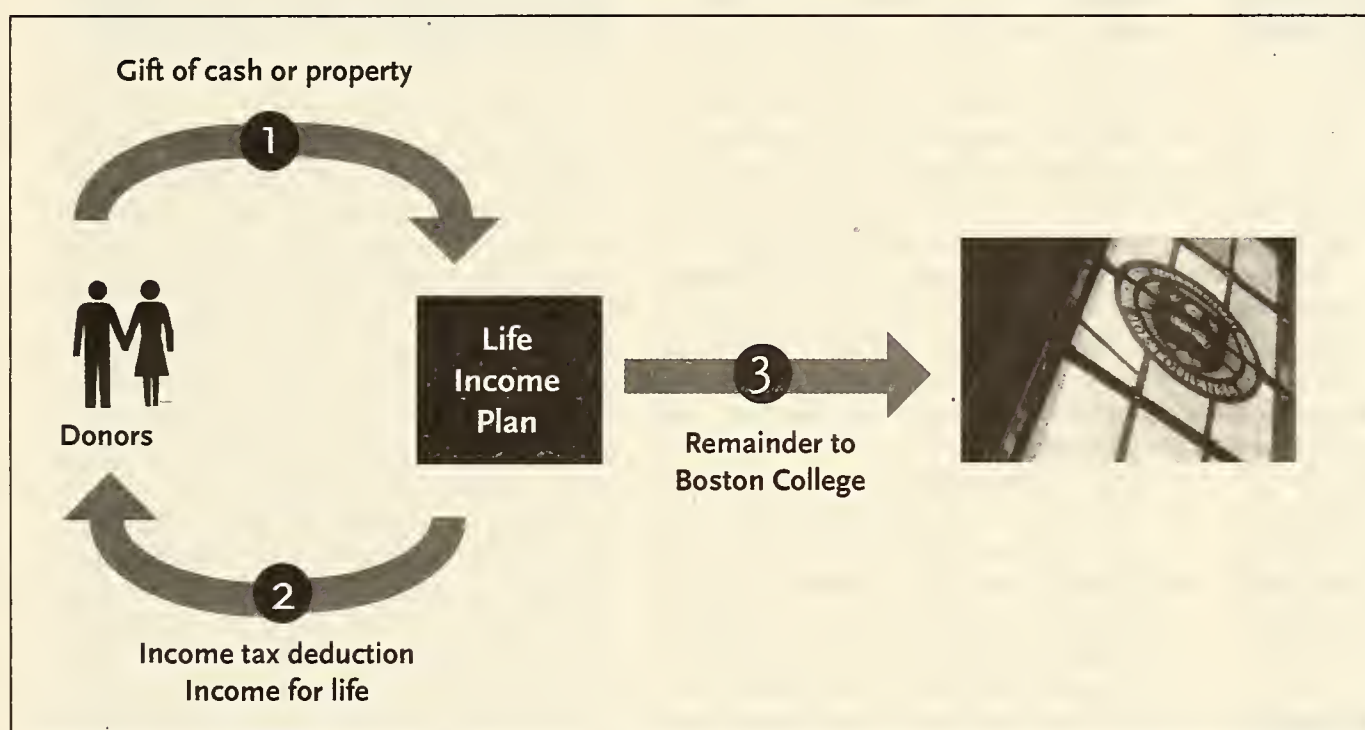


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Guilfoile are founding members of the Council for Women of Boston College. • Many classmates may recall that our '76 yearbook highlighted the fine teaching of history and generous counseling to students by Fr. Francis J. Murphy. He's now recuperating from a heart attack, and well-wishers can contact their correspondent for his address. Several classmates have contacted this writer for updates, as Fr. Murphy remains beloved and a fond memory of our years at the Heights. • **Ed Liptak**, like many of us, turned the big 5-0, but in Bloomington, IN. BC's recent successes versus Notre Dame have kept a swagger in his gait in the Hoosier state. Thanks for the kind words, Ed! • Classmates interested in planning our 30th reunion to be held in June 2006 may contact this address. It will be here before we know it. • Well, that's it for now. Here's wishing all a healthy and happy new year, especially those who write! God bless!

'77

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We extend our congratulations to **David Manzo**, who was recently named the sixth president of the Coting School of Lexington. The school was founded in 1893 and is America's first day school for children with physical and medical challenges to learning. David has devoted much of his time and efforts to the pursuit of developing better methods and teaching approaches in helping challenged children learn, increase their confidence and become self-sufficient. David, we wish you great success. God's guidance, love and blessings for you, the teachers and all of the children at Coting School. • Hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving, the merriest Christmas and a happy new year!!! I can understand how everyone is very busy around the holidays, but I wish more of you would drop me a line for the Class Notes. May all good things find the path to your door.

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Greetings class of little news! Remember, this column isn't all about your great new job or new house. Do you have a new dog, new husband, new wife? How about a new lease on life? Perhaps a child is about to enter the Heights. Or maybe you are searching for an old flame from '78. Just send it in, people. • Supporting his old alma mater with tuition payments is **Bill Roach**. His daughter Kathleen started as a freshman at BC this past fall in the College of Arts & Sciences. Bill and his wife Robin live in Wayne, PA, with Kathleen and Brendan (16). Bill works at Brandywine Asset Management in Wilmington, DE, where he is senior vice president for client service and marketing. • As of this

writing I don't have any firm word from my oldest, Blake, a US Marine, about whether he will be deployed back to combat in Iraq for the third time, but if I need any prayers this year, know that I will ask for some. Have a good winter! And don't forget just to drop a line or two about anything!

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Joseph Ganguzza sent me an e-mail updating the whereabouts of the former occupants of D-62, and apologized that it had taken him 25 years to do so! In his defense he had only recently accounted for all of them. Joseph attended University of Miami School of Law after graduating from BC and has been in Miami ever since. He is currently a partner with the law firm of Hyman, Kaplan, Ganguzza, Spector and Mars, where he specializes in transactional work and community association law. He has been married to his wife, Carole, since 1981, and they have two great kids, Lisa (19) and Joey (15).

• **Leo Finucane** married his BC sweetheart, **Carol Andersen**. They live in Pittsford, NY, where Leo practices with his law firm, Finucane and Hartzell. They have three children, Sara, Adair and Connor. • After completing his medical training, **Don Cook** relocated to San Angelo, TX, where he is a urologist and partner with West Texas Medical Associates. Don and his wife, Amy, have four beautiful daughters: Kimberly, Christine, Jennifer and Abigail. • **Chris Riddle** now lives in New Jersey with his wife, Christina, and their two daughters. Chris attended law school and now works as an executive with a large insurance company. • **Joe Shiel** relocated to Pittsford with his then spouse, Helen Sheahan ('78). They have two children, Katie (19) and William (17). They all had lost touch with **Dennis Joyce**, and until recently thought that this was his preference. Joseph credits Dennis with performing a Google search, which led to a contact and Joseph reconfiguring a business trip to meet him in Las Vegas. It turns out that Dennis didn't stray far from home. He continues to live the bachelor's life in Portland, ME, where he is a sales manager for a printing company. They both had spent all their undergraduate years as roommates, so there was a lot of catching up to do. They all look back on BC and especially their "Hillside" years with great fondness. Joseph also adds that it was good to know that they had finally tracked everybody down and that they still all cared about each other. • **Genevieve McCulloch** would like to inform the alumni community that rumors of her death are greatly exaggerated. She had been listed as a death in the last issue of this magazine, when it was, in fact, her mother, also named Genevieve McCulloch, who had passed away. Our classmate would like you all to know

that she is alive and well and living in Roslindale. • **Patricia Bonan** is a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College. Take care!

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REUNION YEAR

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue with their submissions. It was great to hear from you. I am sure we are all excited to participate in our Reunion Weekend on June 3-5, 2005. It should be a great time and I hope many of you will be able to attend. It is really hard to believe that we graduated all those years ago. I suppose it is now time for us to take comfort in those sayings like "you're as young as you feel" that we never thought would apply to us. • Congratulations to **John O'Neill**, who has been promoted to vice president/manager of media and marketing partnerships at Fox Sports Net in New York. John was instrumental in the development of the unwired MLB/NBA/NHL network sell and was transitioned into the Fox Sports Net family in 1997. He spent the next seven years bringing Fox Sports to unprecedented heights. He and his wife, Amy, live in Darien, CT, with their two children, Jennifer (9) and Jack (7). • **Stacy (Hamilton) Katz** wrote me requesting information to help her get in touch with classmate **Rich Rossin**. She was hoping to speak to him regarding the reunion. Any information would be appreciated. • It was nice to hear from **Michael Voccola**, who recently married Nancy Pariseault in Jamestown, RI. Her daughter and his son stood up for the couple. They spent their honeymoon in London using letters of introduction from the State Department, where a friend of Mike's served as a US ambassador, to gain admission to very private clubs and restaurants in London. Sounds like a great time. He is currently renovating a home in Cranston, RI, and serves as director of development for the Procaccianti Group. The company renovates existing hotels that it acquires and develops non-hotel properties as well. He also serves as in-house counsel and a legal liaison with its extensive outside legal firms. • **Tom Horton's** wife, Michelle, justifiably proud, writes of Tom's recent induction into the BC Athletic Hall of Fame. Tom was a middle-distance runner and still holds the record for the indoor mile. Michelle is a fellow Eagle as well ('81). They live in Oakland and have one child, Matthew (6). Also in attendance at the hall of fame ceremony were Class of '80 track buddies **Tom Siegert**, **Kevin Murphy** and **Mike Mullen**. Congratulations from all of us. It is quite an honor. • I saw **Rich Quinlan** at the BC-Clemson basketball game and he tells me he is the co-chairman of our 25th Reunion Committee with **Mary-Beth Murray**. It is not too early to tell them how much we appreciate their contributions to our class. He is also working with **Paul Vanderslice**, **Jean Roney Orr** and **Bill Geary** on our class gift committee. Paul writes of a New York kick-off dinner on November 4, 2004, at Sky Club. In attendance from our class were

Paul Bronzo, Lynn and Paul Ingrassia, Steve Johnson, Paul Lahiff, Tom Merck, Jean and Donal Orr, Bob Petit, Richard Rapp, Lou Taylor, Grace Ann Baresich and Eileen Garred. • Congratulations to **James M. Campbell**, a partner in the law firm of Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy, upon his induction as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. • Lastly, it is with great pride that I announce the promotion of **Michael DiBiase** to the position of senior vice president of state government relations at Fidelity. Mike was quite busy this summer attending both political conventions, where I am sure he related with aplomb. • Have a great winter and we will see you at the reunion. • I want to send out a personal request to hear from **Rick and Margaret Fiset** and **Bill Ives** before the next issue of the magazine. I haven't heard from Jeff "Gator" Wallace in a long time. Where is the Gator?

'81

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I did not receive a single phone call or e-mail with news of our classmates this past quarter. What's wrong with you all?!! I know there will be many disappointed classmates when they open to this page. Please write. If you e-mail me, please be sure to include a reference to BC Class of '81. I get so many crazy e-mails these days that I try not to open them if I don't know who sent them. So you aren't completely disappointed, I'll use this opportunity to update you a bit on what I've been up to. As I've previously reported, we have a senior applying to college, eighth- and third-graders and a three-year-old who has more energy than the rest of the family combined. After leaving the practice of law (not sure whether I'll ever return—don't miss those timesheets), I've turned into a full-time volunteer. My children's school has roped me into a major fund-raising project this year. Among other things, I am also serving on my church's finance committee and am the regional manager for alumni giving for the University of Virginia Law School. Despite our crazy schedules, Brac and I had an extraordinary opportunity to take a cruise this past summer through Greece, Croatia and Italy. It was an unprecedented 16-day vacation for us. I'm not sure our babysitter will agree to sign on for another stint

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like that for a while (in fact, she may never do so again)! Although we were in Athens a month prior to the Olympics, we were able to view some of the athletic venues and spent an evening with the US ambassador to Greece, who had a lot of insight into how things were going over there. Fortunately, his reassurances on security issues proved to be accurate. The highlight of the trip for me, though, was Venice (with Dubrovnik a close second). We saw so many beautiful places. I would like to think I'll return to all of them at some point, but I feel certain that I will return to Venice. I hope all is well with each of you and that you will find a few minutes to write me.

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It was great seeing so many of you during football season. **Charlie Busa** flew in from Louisville one game to tailgate with me and **Jim Moran**, and it was nice of **Diane (Johnson) Green** and **Maureen (Jeffers) Raub** to stop by our seats to say hello at the Rutgers game. And special thanks to Alumni Association Executive Director **Grace Cotter Regan** for being such a good host to us the night the Eagles beat my employer, the UConn Huskies. • I haven't seen **Bill Barbo** in more than 20 years, but it was nice of his wife (and honorary '82er), Alice Anne, to write about life in Groton with their two girls Emily and Carrie (a freshman at BC). Bill is an executive at Charles River Laboratories in Wilmington. They were thrilled to hear the news about **Nancy Gorman Arsenault** that was in my last column. • And just to prove that so many of you really do read our classnotes each issue, **Charlie D'Atri** felt compelled to send an e-mail with his update. Charlie is still at Disney's Hollywood Records in Burbank, CA, working with such noted artists as Jesse McCartney (whom my teenagers love) and the multitalented Regis Philbin. Charlie and Jan have three children, Emma (5), James (3) and Georgie (almost 2). They may be young, but they've already learned how to chant "Go BC" during televised games! • **Louis DiLillo** made my day with a two-page e-mail full of news. He and his wife, **Donna Duffy**, live in Beverly with daughters Anne (15) and Katherine (9). Donna is a consultant in Waltham, while Louis practices obstetrics and gynecology at Beverly Hospital. **Frank Varinos** is their dentist. Frank and Tina have three boys. **Carl Toumayan** and Lisa live in Middleton with their three children. Carl is an attorney in Arlington. He gets together occasionally with **Tom Chen**, **Henry McNamara**, **Bill Rasmussen** and **Brian McGrath**. **Phil and Lisa (McLaughlin) DeCristo** see the DiLillo family at the Cape fairly often. Phil and Lisa have two daughters, Caitlyn and Allison. They live in Lexington, and Phil works in London. And I thought my com-

mute was tough! Speaking of the Cape, Louis saw **Jamie and Measi (Dalton) O'Rourke** at Nauset Beach this past summer. Jamie is the president of Vertical Ventures LLC in Hudson, OH, and they have two children currently at BC. • **Julie (Parker) Malloy** lives in Canton with her husband, Paul ('80), and two sons, Christopher and Matthew. Julie works for Putnam. • **Coley and Michele (LeClerc) Rybicki** live in Danvers and have three children. Coley works for Analytical Sciences Corp., while Michelle is at the Lahey Clinic. • **John Greco** is newly married and works for the Discovery Channel in Washington, DC. • **Juan Carlos Bueno** e-mailed from Panama, where he and Marie Claire have two daughters, Alice (14) and Alessandra (12). They spend a lot of quality time outdoors, snorkeling, horseback riding and boating. He's already looking forward to coming back to BC for our 25th reunion! • **Debra (Ward) Buchan** has organized a local BC Eagles Docs club at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. They get together to reminisce about life at the Mods, March Madness and the Boston Marathon. • Congratulations to **Pat LaMarche** on her run as the vice-presidential candidate for the Green Party in the recent national election. Pat is a disc jockey for Citadel Communications in Maine, working under the name Genny Judge. A former gubernatorial candidate in Maine, Pat is a well-known activist and altruist. She has two children, Rebecca (19) and John (17). • **Kathy (Kasper)** and **Rick Luppy** were excited about the arrival of their first child, Brian William Luppy, who was born on December 9, 2003. This past August, Kathy participated in her eighth Pan Mass Challenge, a bike-a-thon to benefit the Jimmy Fund at the Dana Farber Cancer Research. Other classmates who have participated in this fund-raiser for several years are **Larry Burak** and **Dennis Hatch**. • I'm sorry to report that **Candace Prebil** passed away recently in her hometown of Cleveland. She had retired from her job as senior supervisor at the Jobs and Family Services Division of Cuyahoga County. Candace is survived by her spouse of 15 years, Linda Betzer. • It seems that trying to shame you into writing has worked, so keep it up. We all love to hear what our classmates are doing!

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Hello to everyone. I hope your holidays were grand! It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution — why not resolve to send at least one update to Class Notes this year? Thanks to **Jack Dunn** for the following news: BC's spokesman and public affairs director Jack Dunn refereed his last college ice hockey game this winter after a 20-year career as an NCAA official. In addition to his role at BC he continues to teach a course in Advanced Public Relations in the College of A&S.

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Greetings to all. Hope you are enjoying the new year. Here's the news I received. • **Kelly Neal** and **Hussain Naqi** were married on May 22, 2004, in a church in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago. The wedding reception was held in a 55-person luxury suite at Wrigley Field during the Cubs-Cardinals game. Kelly's former "New Dorm" aka Walsh Hall roommate, **Julia Dalton**, attended the wedding. Hussain is a JD/MBA candidate at Northwestern and is scheduled to graduate in 2006. Kelly writes that she met Hussain on September 10, 2001, when both were living in Manhattan. Hussain was working at the time for the NFL in their player personnel division and Kelly was a New York bureau correspondent for ESPN. They now live in Chicago and Kelly is reporting for the ESPN shows "Outside the Lines" and "Sports Center." • **Barbara (Dillihunt) Jerome** and husband live in Falmouth, ME, with their seven children, ages three through 17. Barbara keeps in touch with **Corinne Dupuis** ('85), **Laurie (Walsh) Emanuel**, **Kim Arouth** and **Renee (Vachon) Danho**. Kelly and her dad have been busy lately starting a business. They are producing and marketing a fun game for kids that she developed over the years as a stay-at-home mom. It is called Namits ("Name-its"), The Game of Think. It is a portable, open-ended word game made up of cards on a ring. Finally, Kelly writes that her five BC siblings are all well and scattered about in London, California, Massachusetts and Maine. • Well, that's all the news for now. Hope you will write and share what you've been up to with fellow classmates. Wishing you much health and happiness in 2005.

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REUNION YEAR

Wow, it is hard to believe that it is 2005 and we graduated 20 years ago! The Class of 1985 will celebrate its 20th reunion on June 3-5, 2005. The University has already planned an exciting series of events on campus. I hope to see a good turnout for the events. Please mark your calendars. • **Gerry Perrine** and **Phil Heilpern** went to the US Open golf tournament in June, which was held at the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, NY. They followed the pros during one of the practice rounds. Gerry is the vice president of major accounts for CoStar Group working in Bethesda, MD. Phil works for CB Richard Ellis on Long Island. • Last fall **Mike Glynn** ran into **Bill Slater** and **Lisa Ridgway** ('86) at a lacrosse game, where their kids were on

competing teams. Mike's daughter played on the same traveling soccer team as **Tony Skarupa's** daughter. • **Tom Burke** is still living happily in LA. He has produced an independent film and he was working on the "Partridge Family" show last fall. Mike Glynn purchased University of Maryland football season tickets in anticipation of BC joining the ACC and he is looking forward to the road trip to Boston for those games. • **Dennis Kilcullen** is back in the DC area with his family. • Kevin and **Cindy Hockenhull McKigney** moved to Medfield in January 2005. They are delighted to be back in the northeastern United States. • Please try to drop me a note to share with our class! *Erratum: We regret that we incorrectly listed Cheryl (Esposito) Loraditch's husband, John, as an alumnus in the Fall 2004 issue. John is a physician in New York City.*

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Hope that everyone had a wonderful winter and is ready for some warm weather! Congratulations to my old roomie, **Karen Lynch Moroney**, and her husband, Paul, on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kate Francis, born in November. Karen and Paul live on Long Island, where Karen is an attorney working for a federal judge. Congrats Lynchie! • **David Ryan** checked in from Houston, TX, where he has been practicing law in his own firm for the last 11 years. David was recently appointed special prosecutor and is investigating political corruption and hate crimes in East Texas. So far, David has gotten indictments against a county commissioner, a constable and the sitting district attorney. The cases are garnering media attention around the country and are expected to go to trial this spring. David reports that he stays in touch with **Susan Konchalski**, who is doing well, living in Massapequa, NY, with her husband and four kids. David, I will continue to follow your cases with interest. Thanks so much for the update! Good luck! • **Andrew Kreshik** also checked in with an update! Congratulations to Andrew and his wife, Monica Abreu, who were wed in a double-ring ceremony in Garrison, NY, in the presence of family and friends, including classmate **Jon Mellin**. Rev. Frank Greer officiated. The couple honeymooned in Paris and are now living in Schodack, NY. Andrew received his MS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute after graduating from BC. He now is the director of regional enforcement coordination at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. His wife, Monica, is employed at the same agency, serving as associate counsel and director of the Office of Environmental Justice. • **Sue Tardanico** has recently been named vice president of communications and corporate officer of Textron, Inc. She will be overseeing all aspects of the corporation's internal, external and marketing communication activities. Sue has been with Textron for 16 years. Congratulations, Sue! • Thanks go out to **Audrey Short Vallen**, who wrote with an update. Audrey and her husband, Steve, live in Saratoga, CA, with their three children, Miranda, Grace and Eric. Audrey is the CFO for a venture capital firm in the Silicon

Valley. Her old roommates from Walsh may find that interesting as she was an art history major! Audrey enjoys keeping up with **Kimberly Norton Chipman**. • Greetings from Rhode Island go out to **Jim Davey**, who wrote to me with some news! Jim and his wife, Lisa, are living in New York City. Jim is the vice president of marketing for Nickelodeon Consumer Products. Jim is doing his best to keep the playrooms across America filled with SpongeBob and Blue's Clues toys! I know that we have more than a few of those floating around my house! Keep up the good work, Jim! I loved visiting with my old roomie, **Gretchen Papagoda Parisi**, and her beautiful girls, Anna and Laura, over the holidays. We all skated at Rockefeller Center and had a ball! • Thanks to all who wrote!! Hope to hear from you soon!

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Hello. I hope that you are all well and are surviving winter. I only received a few updates, so I apologize that the column is so short. • I heard from **Susie McAleavy Sarlund**, who wrote that last March she and her husband, Chas, welcomed their son Charlie into the world. He joins big sister Meghan (2), who's crazy about her little brother. The family moved back to the East Coast from Michigan and is living in New Providence, NJ, where Susie is an at-home mom. They also spend as much time as they can at a family beach house in Bay Head, NJ. Susie would love to hear from fellow Eagles! • **Brian Slayne** e-mailed that he is currently living in Peabody with his wife, Maggie, and their three children, Tallon (5), Aiden (5 months) and Lily (5 months). Besides having the twins in March 2004, and running his own general contracting business, Brian recently got back into the corporate world in the Multi-Family Lending Group with Washington Mutual in Boston. He'd also love to hear from classmates. • **Marilee D. Bell** is a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College. • Hope to hear from you!

'88

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Marie Chalmers and **Andres A. Tejada** are candidates for the 2005-06 Boston College Alumni Association National Board of Directors. Please take the time to review the ballot and candidate information beginning on page 32 of this Class Notes section. Your participation in this election process is important. Cast your vote today! The bright light of fame continues to shine on the Class of '88! **Kara (Connell)** and **Mike Thompson** were the recent subjects of a home invasion. On November 12, 2004, they were featured on the new Fox TV program "Design Invasion." The family and the new furniture looked really cool. Kara, feel free to give the producers my number. • Congratulations go out to new dad **Rich Sansone** and wife Alison. Daughter Madison was born October 20. • **Linda (Brown) Foley** and husband Bill are doing fine in Bedford, NH, with children Amanda, Jack and

Ryan. Linda works as an intensive care nurse at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Needham. Her SON friends **Christine (Caputo) Possi** lives in Milton with hubby Brian and four children and **Anne (Collins) Hoffman** is in Ventura, CA, with husband Sam. Linda (lintfoley@yahoo.com) would love to hear from **Kristin La Prise**, last seen in North Carolina, and **Barbara McDonough**, last seen in San Francisco. Linda, I swear I haven't seen her! • I have run into **Anna Punsal**, who lives about five blocks away from me, much closer than the Newton/Upper distance. She still keeps in touch with **Diane Accarino**, who was top five in our class, at least in alphabetical order. Please write!

'89

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Classmates: I am very happy to be taking on the role of class correspondent for the Class of 1989. Attending the reunion in June was really a great event – it was amazing catching up with people for two days and learning about all the wonderful things people are doing, and how our lives have taken us on such fascinating (and complex) journeys since 1989. I'd like to express many thanks to **Cheryl (Williams) Kalantzakos** for keeping us all up to date for many years. I am really looking forward to hearing from all of you – please do send along any information about yourself, your family and old friends from BC, so we can continue to learn about each others' journeys. • **Kathleen (Zinzer) McCarthy** and her husband recently moved to Nashville, TN, and celebrated the birth of their daughter, Reagan Elizabeth, in June 2004, so Kathy was sorry to miss our 15th. She'll be there at the 20th. • Congratulations are in order for **Carol Ann Quinn**. She married Joseph Miranda on September 18 in Stamford, CT. • Other good news: **Maria Salomao** is the proud mother of daughter Mialotta, born in January 2004. Maria has created her own real estate business in Massachusetts. Her company is called Brick House Realty. • **Ophelia Gabrino** continues to do great work in New York City while raising money for breast cancer. She has walked countless times in the effort to raise awareness and obtain research funding. Kudos to Opie! • **Sue (Marble) Cuthbert**, along with her husband, Evan Cuthbert ('88), and two daughters, Mary (5) and Rose (2), is in training with Maryknoll Lay Missioners. They are halfway through a 14-week orientation program, which is preparing them for placement in Bolivia. They planned to leave for Bolivia during the first days of January 2005 and will serve for three-and-a-half years with Maryknoll. Their emphasis will be on accompanying the economically poor and marginalized peoples there. They would love to hear from BC friends along the way (evanandsue@yahoo.com). • **Linda (Lee) Aggarwal** recently became a mom for the second time – she has two sons (Devan is 3 and Cameron is 6 months) and is now living in the South Bay area of San Francisco. • **Peter Cotter** and his wife, Lynn, are proud parents of daughter Riley Noelani, born January 13, 2004. Pete currently works as a financial adviser for UBS

Financial Services in Boston and lives in Hingham. • **David Wenger** and his wife, Kristen, celebrated the arrival of their third son, Caleb, on June 1, 2004, joining big brothers Joseph and Jacob. Dave is a director at Fleet/Bank of America in Boston and lives in Manchester, NH. • Another proud papa is **Tom Olivier**, who celebrated the birth of daughter Ava Reed. Tom married fellow lawyer Amy Kelly in September 2003 in Boston with many Class of '89ers in attendance, including **John Grady** and **Peter Cotter** (ushers); **Jen (Byron) Grady**, Kristen and **David Wenger**, **Pete McIsaac**, Rori and **Bill Sughrue**, Rosemary and **Jeff Thibeault**, **Jennifer (Reagan) Robinson**, **Kim (Thomas) O'Loughlin**, **Erin Callanan**, **Andrea McGrath**, **Liz and Dennis Quinn**, and **Michele and Rob Radman**. • **Kim (Thomas) O'Loughlin** and husband **Joe O'Loughlin** ('81) are the very proud parents of new twins **Brandan** and **Nina**. All are happily living in Milton. • **Carolyn (Croteau) Rando** recently moved to Brentwood, TN, with her husband, Joe, and children **Ben** (7), **Becca** (5) and **Jack** (3). Carolyn enjoys her primary job as stay-at-home mom and as the children grow older, she dives deeper into her antiques/decorating business, in which she sells antiques and custom silk floral creations. • **Erin Callanan** recently moved to Newton and has started a new public relations firm with **Adam Klein** (CGSOM '89). Callanan & Klein Strategic Communications will officially launch in January 2005 and will focus on providing public relations and event marketing services for local and national clients in the consumer lifestyle space. • **Katie Canty** lives in Redondo Beach, CA (where she has lived since 1989), and is working as a sports reporter for two cable stations in the area. She recently won a contest entitled "Sportscaster for the Day" for KCBS in Los Angeles (local CBS affiliate); the prize allowed her to co-anchor a sports show called "Sports Central" with **Jim Hill** and **Steve Hartman**, where she both stumped them with sports trivia and educated them on the Curse of the Bambino. She predicted to them that the Red Sox would win the World Series (date of live telecast was September 5, 2004). Go Katie!! • **Nicole (Donnelly) Pece** is the director of the annual fund at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL. She and husband **Paolo** are in their fifth year of owning an upscale Italian restaurant/café called **Atlantico**. Nicky welcomes anyone to stop in and say "hi" if you're in the area. They have two children, **Francesca** (2) and **Dylan** (eight months), and Nicky reports that she loves wearing maroon and gold in a state that is FSU (garnet and gold) happy. • **Bob Karwin** is living in Sun City, CA, with his wife, **Janissa**, and two kids, **James** (4) and **Olivia** (1). He is the senior associate with the law firm of **Calendo, Puckett, Sheedy and DiCorrado** in Los Angeles, specializing in trials and litigation. As a sideline, he has been pursuing a career in music, and has just written and recorded his first album of children's music, **Coconut Bob's "Parakeet Island."** • **Jim Gannon** and his wife, **Michele**, are planning to spend a few years living on green tea and sushi in Tokyo, as part of relocation with EMC. **Ken Grohe** and **Diane (Russell) Williams** are also still working with EMC. **Diane** lives in Fairfax, VA, with her husband, **Jason**, and is a

busy mom with three beautiful girls. Jim writes in that **Sean "Shaggy" Mullen** is a vice president with Constellation New Energy in New York City and is working on getting certified as a Bikram Yoga instructor. • Please keep the updates coming! I celebrated our 15th by returning to school yet again. I am attending the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard for the year, and I love being back at school (I hate to admit it!). I am finishing up in June 2005, so stay tuned for an updated e-mail address in the spring!

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REUNION YEAR

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Greg Montana and wife **Karen** had their third child on August 20, 2004. They named her **Rose Elizabeth** after her two great-grandmothers. Rose's five-year-old sister, **Katie**, and three-year-old brother, **Max**, celebrated her arrival as well! Greg graduated from the Wharton School with an MBA in 1998 and then joined a consulting firm in Atlanta. About three-and-a-half years ago, he left consulting to join Bank of America. Recently, Greg was promoted to lead strategy and governance for one of the bank's largest consumer channels. **Karen** (a 1991 Georgetown graduate) also works for the bank and is the marketing leader for the bank's Small Business Debit Card team. The Montanas have stayed in close touch with a number of our classmates and have recently gotten together with **Greg and Erika (Lynch) Redmond**, **Paul Whiting** and wife **Dana**, **Doug Mack** and family, and **Andy Johncke** and family. Everyone is doing great but is too far away to get together regularly. • **Stephanie Ponte** moved from Hingham to Cape Cod five years ago, and currently lives in South Dennis. After spending many years as a food and beverage manager in the hospitality industry, she is now a fine-wine salesperson at Classic Wine Imports. • **JB Dowd** married **Tiffany Fiddes** on August 27, 2004, at Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Church in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos

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Islands. They spent their wedding week at the beautiful Turks and Caicos Club, accompanied by close family and friends, including classmates **Ned O'Neill**, **Chuck Clapton**, **Rob Leonard** and JB's cousin, Jere Shea ('87). • **Mark Crosby**, currently of Plymouth, MA, and his wife, Tamara, announce the birth of their son, Joshua Mark, born May 6, 2004. • **Maura Lynch** is currently the special assistant to the UN secretary-general's special representative for Iraq, working at the UN mission in Amman, Jordan, and Baghdad, Iraq. • **Sue Gannon Leonard** and her husband, Wes, recently welcomed their first child, Maggie Grace, on October 15, 2004. The family resides in Marshfield. • **Jennifer Corsi King** and her husband, Kevin, live in New York City after seven years in London. Jenn has two sons, Justin (3) and Callum (1). • **Kathy Kelly Coughlin** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed a daughter, Kayleigh Mae, in June 2004. They also have a son, Ryan (3). The family lives in Chatham, NJ. • **Molly McAtee Zola** and husband Matt welcomed Charles Henry in March 2004. They live in Manhattan along with their son, Jack (2). • **Kathleen Hanley Kontely** and husband Frank live in Madison, NJ, with their one-year-old triplets, Frank IV, Abigail and Quinn. • **Kate McLaughlin Blake** and her husband, Kevin, live in Needham with their three children, Megan (5), Peter (3) and Sarah (1). • **Piedad Valencia** recently returned to New England after 14 years, having left the area immediately after graduating. Four years in (South) Miami Beach, followed by nearly six years in northern Europe (Scandinavia), and then four years in the San Francisco Bay area have made for an exciting and adventure-filled post-college life. Leaving Nokia after nearly eight years with the company, Piedad joined Textron as an internal communications manager at its world headquarters in Providence, RI. Piedad's e-mail address is: piedad_valencia@hotmail.com. • **Missy Campbell Reid**, husband Scott and family will be participating in the Great Strides 10K Walk for Cystic Fibrosis in May. The Reids are walking in the name of Missy and Scott's baby daughter, Emily, who has been diagnosed with CF. For more information, please contact Missy at MissyCReid1@verizon.net. • **Kara and Mike Kennedy** welcomed the third little Kennedy, Carolyn Hope, into their family on September 29, 2004. Carolyn was greeted with open arms by Clare (3) and Conor (19 months). The

Kennedys live in Yardley, PA, and Mike works for Microsoft, based out of the Malvern, PA, office. good in Rhode Island for **Chris Abadi** and his family. They have a three-year-old girl, Neelia, and one-year-old twins, Jack and Ella. Chris is a cardiologist based in Newport/Providence with a private practice group that basically covers the whole state. His wife, Susie, has a doctorate in cell biology but is taking a break from the world of biotech to be with the kids. **Mike Maxin** visited Chris with his three-year-old boy, Anthony, for the twins' baptism. He is an interventional radiologist in Seattle, WA. Mike's wife, Marianne (also a radiologist), and his new baby girl, Nina, stayed behind. They traveled to Connecticut and saw **Kevin** and **Marianne Barrs** and their three boys. Chris enjoyed reading **Scott Olivieri's** *The Batter's Edge*, about his season with the Red Sox, and is looking forward to his next book. • **Denise Donaghy Brown** and husband Damon are the proud parents of quadruplets – two boys (Damon Jr. and Tyler) and two girls (Kelsey and Alyssa). They were born on June 17, 2000, weighing only 1 pound, 12 ounces (they were three months early) and are now very healthy and extremely active four-year-olds. The Brown family lives in Douglas. • **Michele (Lombardo) MacIver's** husband, Scott, has been in Kandahar, Afghanistan, since the end of March 2004 with his Army National Guard Unit, flying Chinook helicopters. He is scheduled to remain until the end of March 2005. He came home for two weeks at the end of October, and was here for the arrival of their third child, Katie Elizabeth MacIver. Katie's big brother, Luke, and sister, Maggie, absolutely love her! Scott had to return to Afghanistan when she was three days old. It has been quite challenging taking care of the three of them alone, but Michele is savoring her time home because once Scott returns for good she will have to go back to work. • Our Reunion Committees are eager for volunteers! **Rita Rodin** (rrodin@skadden.com) is chairing the Reunion Gift Committee, while **Franz Loeber** (BCEagles90@aol.com) is chairing the Social Committee. My next deadline is March 4, 2005.

'91

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I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy and not too crazed by the winter. Spring is just around the corner! We have lots of great news and I'm hoping to hear from many more of you soon. The next magazine will be out in May, so your news is due in by March 4. Please e-mail any and all news! Everyone loves to hear what's going on with their fellow BC alumni! • The Second Annual Thomas M. Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament was held on September 10, 2004, at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston. Over 120 golfers participated, including 50 members of the Class of 1991. The tournament supports the Thomas M. Brennan Memorial Foundation, which was established to commemorate the life of our classmate **Tom "Beezo" Brennan**, who was killed in the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. The foundation funds a scholarship for BC students in need of financial assistance, and

this year awarded its first scholarship to a freshman from New Jersey. Anyone interested in supporting the foundation can go to the Website www.tmbmf.org for more information. Special thanks to golf committee members **Jennifer Brennan** ('98), **Paul Brennan**, **Doug Drew**, **Steve Cave**, **T.J. Lyons**, **Pete Meyers**, **Kevin Molloy**, **Mike Newman**, **Greg Priola**, **John Phillips**, **Rob Saville**, **Pete Sims**, **Rick Vitarelli** and **Rob Warnock**. • **Ronise (Jean-Charles) Murray** was married to William Murray (GA&S '92) in October 1993. They have five children, Rachel (8), Niall (4), Siobhan (3), Deirdre (2) and Corinne (11 months). The Murray family likes to think that with five more they can have their very own BC-Notre Dame team play each other. • **Mike Regnell** and his wife, Sarah, welcomed the birth of their first child, Ellie O'Toole Regnell, on July 14, 2004. Mike's BC roommate, **Paul Knaysi**, and his wife, Kaci, welcomed their second daughter last summer. Her name is Amelia Skye. • On June 28, 2003, **Theresa Schaefer** married Daniel Leonard. On hand to celebrate were BC classmates **Marla (Mularski) Sigman**, **Nancy (Soohoo) Warren** and **Mary (Wei) DeLamieure**. In April 2004, Theresa and Daniel celebrated the birth of their first child, Kathleen Muriel. They are currently living in Marlton, NJ. • **Cathleen "Cat" Colella Graham** has two children, Olivia (9) and Harrison (7). They all ride and have a small private lesson barn in Brookville, NY. Cat is a human resources consultant, formerly senior vice president of human resources at Cohn & Wolfe /Young & Rubicam. They bought a house in Wellington, FL, last year. Cat would love to hear from former roomies! They can contact her at cathleengraham@yahoo.com. • **Marla (Mularski) Sigman** and her husband, **Scott Sigman**, celebrated the birth of their third son, Jayden Isaac, on August 30, 2004. He joins his twin brothers, Caleb and Zachary, who are two. • **Karen Palting** is living in Los Angeles now, and in 2002, she left her job as a TV producer at E! Entertainment Networks to start a training program run by the Directors Guild of America (DGA). The year she started, 1,400 people applied and she was one of 21 accepted. After she completes her 400 days on set, she will be invited to join the DGA as a second assistant director. Her biggest project to date (where you will see her name in the credits) is the film *Collateral*, directed by Michael Mann, starring Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx. She has also worked on television programs including "Navy N.C.I.S.," "Star Trek: Enterprise," "7th Heaven," "Kingpin" and "Boomtown."

'92

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Brian D. Walters is a candidate for the 2005-06 Boston College Alumni Association National Board of Directors. Please take the time to review the ballot and candidate information beginning on page 32 of this Class Notes section. Your participation in this election process is important. Cast your vote today! **Rich Sinopoli** and wife Emily are proud to announce the birth of Cecilia Dominique Sinopoli. She was born on October 15, 2004, at Saints Memorial Hospital in Lowell. • **Craig Celli**

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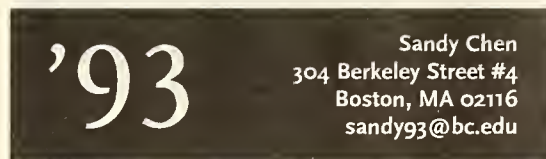
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and wife Angela had their first child, James Robert Joseph Celli, on June 8, 2004. • **Susan (Schaefer) McGovern** and **Jim McGovern** enjoyed a great summer with their first child, Julia Caroline McGovern. Julia was born on July 7, 2004, and is a redhead. Susan just completed her 11th year teaching seventh-grade math at Grand Avenue Middle School on Long Island and will be taking a year off. Jim works at Morgan Stanley in New York City in leveraged finance investment banking. They live in Manhasset, NY. • In January 2004, after eight years in North Carolina, **Kimberly Raymond's** husband, John Friend, took a job with Abbott Pharmaceuticals and relocated them to the northern suburbs of Chicago. Kimberly is currently working as an urgent-care physician for Condell Medical Center, and on her "off" time is an aerobics instructor at the health club and a mother to two daughters, Carly Anne (4) and Cassidy (19 months). This past spring they were visited by **Caroline (Reilley) Carroll**, her husband, Jim, and their son, Jack. They are living in Wellesley, where Caroline practices part-time as a pediatric nurse practitioner. • **Eric Pantano** is currently living in Madison, WI, and teaching at the only Catholic school in the city, Edgewood High School. Eric has been married for five years to Christina Diodati, and they have two little boys, Cole (4) and Luca (1). You can reach Eric at panteri@edgewood.k12.wi.us. • **Elisa (Scheuermann) Della Rocco** visited some BC friends last fall. Her family, including two sons, Christian (3) and Ryan (1), and husband Todd, visited with **Heather Trowse Baribault** at her home for her family's annual picnic in Ossining, NY. Heather and her husband, Jack, recently welcomed their first child, Tucker, on July 7, 2004. Also there was Heather Benedict DiFalco ('94) with her husband, Bob, and first child, Brice, born on July 13, 2004. They all had a great time catching up in between taking care of the newborns and children running around. Heather Trowse is a neonatal intensive care unit nurse in the Westchester, NY, area. • After a position as assistant professor in internal medicine at the University of Connecticut, **Gina LaRocca** pursued a fellowship in cardiology at Columbia University in New York City, where she hopes to continue her career as a cardiologist. Gina is excited to be back home in New York. She and her brother, Richard LaRocca ('89), and sister, Marisa LaRocca ('01), look forward to all the BC tailgates this year! Gina can be reached at GML2012@columbia.edu. • **Tricia Pelnik-Fecko** and husband Ian celebrated the birth of their third child, Evan John, on June 19, 2004. Aidan Patrick is their oldest (3-1/2), and Bryn Erin is their second child (21 months). They currently reside in Albany, NY, where Tricia is a practicing internist and pediatrician working and teaching for Albany Medical Center, and her husband is a private pediatrician. • **Pamela (Antonopoulos) Lynch** and husband Tom moved from Melrose to Tewksbury Township, NJ, in early 2003. Their daughter, Jada Rose, was born on July 7, 2004. She has a big brother, Ty, who was born in Boston on February 22, 2002. They plan on raising both children as Red Sox fans. Tom is in-house counsel at AIG SunAmerica in Jersey City. Since Ty's birth, Pamela left her job as an

associate lawyer at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLC, in Boston, though she hopes to return to practice some day (maybe when she can catch up on sleep and can finally take the New Jersey bar!) • Spring will be here before we know it! Before the weather starts getting warmer, send me a quick e-mail or letter. Inquiring classmates want to know what you have been up to. We have not heard from the following people in a long time: **Cannon Anderson**, **Michael De Winter**, **Jeffrey LaPlante**, **Nancy Macelhiney**, **Janeen Rivers**, **John Rijo** and **Lynn Tanksley**. Write in soon!



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Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! Thanks for the many e-mails and updates. It's great to hear from you so keep 'em coming! • **Cynthia K. Powers-Broccoli** and husband Art welcomed their first child, Michael Lucas Broccoli, into the world on July 26, 2004. Cynthia is working for Spencer Stuart & Associates, telecommuting into Manhattan from their home in Syracuse, NY. • **Dana Kawalautzki Lauducci** and Brian Lauducci welcomed their second child, Jason Timothy, on October 15, 2004. He joins big brother Kevin (3). Brian is a self-employed software consultant and college basketball referee. They live in Branchburg, NJ. Dana is an at-home mom and keeps busy singing in a community chorus and serving as president of her local MOMS Club chapter. • **Alyson Bagley** recently graduated from Suffolk Law School and passed the bar on the first try. She's working as a clerk for a state Supreme Court justice in Providence and living in South Boston. • **Jennifer Viklund Smith** is an at-home mom to Daniel, who was born on December 24, 2003. Jenn and her husband, Steve, live in Acton. • **Sue Walsh** is a pediatrician at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT, and is married to a medical school classmate. Sue is also mom to Alex, who is two years old. • **Kristin Lynch** is a pediatrician in Salt Lake City, UT, and is mom to one-year-old Emma. • **Steve Smith** and his girlfriend, Liesl, recently welcomed Rocco Lewis. They live in downtown Boston. Steve is a self-employed web designer and shows his sculptures frequently at art shows. • From a press release in St. Louis, we hear of some news on classmate **Jaime Kelley**. Jaime is a project manager for Kwame Building Group and has earned her Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) accreditation. She is the first LEED® accredited professional at Kwame Building Group, which is a member of the US Green Building Council (USGBC), a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. To earn her LEED® accreditation, Jaime passed the LEED Accreditation Exam,

which tests the understanding of building practices and principles and familiarity with LEED requirements, resources and processes. Jaime, who has more than seven years' experience in the construction industry, holds a master of science degree in civil and environmental engineering and environmental policy and planning from Tufts University. • **Jennifer Stanhewicz Debrosky** was married in September 2003 to husband Craig. Their daughter, Alexandria Eve, was born on August 14, 2004, the morning of the New York City blackout! Jennifer and family moved to Trumbull, CT, where she is commuting every day to New York City to work as an assistant vice president at Capital Guardian Trust Company, responsible for institutional marketing research and analysis. • **Audrey "Wenda" Finkel-McLaughlin** married and moved to LA years ago. Wenda and Joe teach at local schools in the Los Angeles area, where Joe coaches football for the nationally ranked Crespi High. Wenda has been training to run the LA marathon and, hopefully, Boston eventually. • **Susan Malioneck**, a year after graduation, joined the US Navy Nurse Corps, and the adventure hasn't ceased! Susan has been traveling all over the country and the world. She's currently a surgical nurse for a mobile Fleet Surgical Team serving the Amphibious Readiness Groups of the Atlantic, stationed in Norfolk, VA. In 2004, after a two-year tour in Okinawa, Japan, she spent six months with the Marines touring the Gulf. Luckily, one of the advantages of being embarked on a ship is moderate access to cable. She was able to catch most of the BC, Patriots and Red Sox action while away! The marvels of modern technology! • Some news about Susan's roommates: **Kristan Maccini** and her husband, Mickey Riley, live in Connecticut, where he works as a prosecutor and she for a private law firm. They celebrated the birth of their daughter, Maryn, earlier in 2004. • **Susan (Seling) Larson** and husband Bryan welcomed their second daughter, Rachel Laurie, on March 7, 2004. Her big sister, Abby, who is three years old, is absolutely thrilled! Susan is enjoying her time at home in Franklin, raising her girls. • **Alyssa Kimmel Bailkin** and husband Marc welcomed their second daughter, Jordan Tali, on September 14, 2004, to join big sister Zoe Risa, who is two-and-a-half years old now. • **Meghan (Houlihan) Vaillancourt**, husband Kevin and son Carter (2) welcomed Tyler Dillon on March

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24, 2004. The timing of his arrival was unfortunate in that they couldn't travel to Jamaica to attend the wedding of former roommate **Allyson Gould**. Allyson married Ben Beauvais on May 31 in Runaway Bay, Jamaica. • Two more former roommates were married fall 2004: **Kristin Cavanaugh** in North Carolina in November and **Erin Chute** in Boston in early December. Meghan wishes all of her old roommates and friends all the happiness in the world! • **Brian Tierney** married Camille Kowash on December 8, 2001, in Chicago, where he was working as an engineer and Camille as a soprano for the Chicago Lyric Opera. Their reception was held inside Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs, which was apparently a blast! Currently, Brian is pursuing a PhD in electrical engineering (spintronics) at Arizona State University and Camille is an opera singer with the Phoenix Symphony and Arizona Opera Tour. • **Gary Zielinski** and **Jill Meyer Zielinski** recently welcomed their third child, Carter Meyer Zielinski, on June 22, 2004. Carter is welcomed by four-year-old brother Drew and a three-year-old sister, Caroline. • **Veronica (Jijon) De Lupinacci**, **Stephanie (Neely) Aude**, **Allison (Hughes) Goddard**, **Kateri (Collins) Lanz**, **Becky (Carme) Sabre** and **Becky (Weber) Van Zyl ('94)** met in Boston in September to celebrate motherhood! With babies in tow, they are getting the old roommates back together without husbands! Now, that is the way to celebrate! • **Eric Wiberg** married Alexandra Gray on October 23 in Newport, RI. The couple met on Harbour Island, Bahamas, where their families have vacationed for years. Fellow Eagle **Richard T. Walsh** was a groomsman. Eric graduated from Roger Williams University School of Law in May 2004. • **Christopher Brabham** was named a partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers' Technology, Information, Communication, Entertainment and Media Assurance practice. Congratulations!

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I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. The notes were a little slow the past few months. I know there is news out there, however. Take a few minutes to send me an e-mail, so that the rest of the class can know what you are up to. One thing hasn't changed: the babies keep coming! Perhaps I should begin to keep a "most popular names" tally. • **Margaret (Keene) Tierney** and her husband, Michael, had a little girl, Madeleine LaSalle, on March 9, 2004. • **Patti (Rigney) Vale** and her husband, Tim, had a daughter a few months earlier, on October 24, 2003. Patti and Tim are thrilled to have Kaitlyn Elise Vale in their family, and are having a wonderful time with her. Patti left her job at ING in Hartford as a Web content specialist to stay home with Kaitlyn in Hebron, CT, where she and Tim bought a house in 2001. • **Michael Mazella** and his wife, Barbara Meyers-Mazella, had a baby girl, Georgia Rose Mazella, on July 20, 2004. Enough of those girls! **Jimmy** and **Kristin (Hand) Suppelsa** had their first son, Finnan Joseph, on July 2, 2004. Finn is doing well and was a major tailgater! Maybe he

brought the team luck. (He must have missed the Syracuse game though!) • **Ann (Hyland) Whitlock** and her husband, Pete, welcomed their first son, Thomas Henry, into the family on August 15, 2004. • Finally, some among us are still getting smarter! **Ivan Small** wrote to say that he is pursuing a PhD in cultural anthropology at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. • Please remember to send me an e-mail and share all your exciting news. The deadline for the next column is March 4, 2005. Until next time...

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REUNION YEAR

The Class of 1995 has been busy. My apologies for a brief last column. Family matters took over for a while, but the updates kept pouring in. In just a few short months, we'll be seeing one another again at our 10-year reunion! Amazing how time flies. • I heard from **Marvin Chow**, who continues to work at Nike as its marketing director in Seoul, South Korea. He's working on his third language and enjoying a new culture, but must awaken at 4 a.m. for Eagles football. Anyone who'd like to send him a hello, please do so at marvin.chow@nike.com. • **Megan Gurda**, your past correspondent, and her family are doing well and send their hellos to the Class of 1995. • **Dana Colarulli** married Nancy Drane ('94) last year, and the couple are living and working outside Washington, DC. • **Meghan McSorley** is just finishing her doctoral dissertation in chemistry, and is curious as to the whereabouts of her classmates. • **Allison Umbricht** released a new book, *Romantic Weekends in Europe*. • **Christine (Wischusen) McCoid** and her husband, Rob, welcomed son Ronan Harcsar McCoid on March 29, 2004. They live in Cranford, NJ, where Christine is assistant principal at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. • **Melissa (Celata) Cacciapaglia** and her family reside in Cumberland, RI. She and her husband, Michael, have been married for four years. Last year, the couple introduced baby Hannah Marie, and all are well. Melissa has taught elementary school for the last nine years, and is currently working as a curriculum specialist for Franklin public schools. • **Tracy E. Wallace** was married to Douglas H. Buxton on October 30, 2003 in Ko Olina, Hawaii. The wedding was attended by **Lisa (Kenney) Adair**, and a reception was held on the East Coast in Pennsylvania in May 2004. This was attended by **Beth (Meyerowitz) Chadwick**. Tracy is working as a geologist with Earth Tech, Inc. Tracy and Douglas had a baby in October 2004, and currently reside in Kaneohe, HI, while Douglas is stationed at Pearl Harbor. • **Kevin Wyndham** and **Valerie Zolezzi** announce the birth of baby Anna Christina on May 25, 2004. • **Lisa (Anderson) Flanagan ('94)** and her husband, Brian, also had a baby, Sean Derrick, on May 12, 2004. • **Melissa (Karam) Panchley** informed me that **Tracy Raposa** married Michael Curley ('98) on February 14, 2004. Melissa delivered her second son on May 2, 2004. He joins brother Thomas, who is almost three years old. • **Bart Gerardi** and

his wife, Judy, welcomed their third child, Benjamin Michael, on June 18, 2004. Godmother is Amy De Lisa (Law '99). • **Sara (Hathaway) Gibb** taught in Connecticut for five years, and subsequently returned to Boston to work at Harvard Law School, and then as the assistant director of bands at BC. Last year, Sara left the Heights and moved to Annapolis, MD, to marry Art Gibb. He teaches at the US Naval Academy and Sara is working in the international law department of Northrop Grumman. BC grads in attendance at their wedding included Katie (Mulligan) Huha ('96) and her husband, Mike ('96), Ed and **Lisa (Goodsell) Eaton**, and Sara's mom, Rosemary Hathaway ('70). Music was provided by current director of bands David Healey ('90). • **Julie Ptashnick** wanted to update all her former Hillsides roommates. She's been living in Dublin for the last seven years, finishing a master's in sports medicine at Trinity College, Dublin. She is working as a physical therapist, and finally married "that Irish guy" she was seeing during senior year. She and Paul Fox were married July 4, 2002, in County Clare. In attendance were **Ann Shimamoto** and **Adam Kelly**. They plan to move back to Boston in the next year... perhaps we'll see them at our reunion! You can reach the couple at pfoxy@eircom.net. • **Georgette (Germain) Schermerhorn** tells me she's "finally gotten around to writing." After college, she stayed in Boston until 1998, when she moved to Denver and married Jason Schermerhorn in September 2000 in Estes Park, CO. They welcomed little Eagle Griffin Timothy on June 10, 2004. She loves being a mom and would love to hear from everyone — send her an e-mail at gmgs100@hotmail.com. • **Heather (Piccirilli) Leahy** sent me an update about classmate **Jennifer Bowen**, who married Matthew Rigali at St. Ignatius on June 12, 2004. In attendance were bridesmaid **Heather (Piccirilli) Leahy** with her husband, William Leahy ('94). Jen and Matt currently live in San Diego, where Jen works as a human resources manager for General Atomics. • As for me, I'm still a surgical resident at the University of Connecticut, and working toward finishing in two years. Hope to see you all planning trips to return to the Heights on June 3-5, 2005, for our reunion. If you have any questions, let us know.

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I went to a party at a bar called Otto's in New York just before Thanksgiving. It was officially a Columbia B-school party, but there were a ton of BC people there—**Jim Roth**, **John Boyt**, **Christine Grubert**, **Caroline Cerullo**, **Suzanne Geden**, **Kristen Peters**, **Loretta Shing**, **Rachel Clough**, **Anna Zintl**, **Vince Ponzio** and **Jim Digby**. We had fun. The cocktails were served in highball glasses though, and my head hurt the

next morning. • So here's what's in my e-mail box: **Dave McGrath** writes that he just signed his first book contract. His novel is called *E-Lationship* and it is about a relationship between two teachers. No word on whether or not it is a roman a clef. Dave, who is also trying to publish a volume of poetry (so prolific, this one), is a special education teacher by day. • **Brette Geiselman** writes that she wed Steve Blette on July 9, 2004, at the Wequassett Inn in Chatham. **Brooke (Ruberti) Price** was the maid of honor and Kyle Geiselman ('98) was a groomsman. Other guests in attendance from BC were **Kristen (Doherty) Fernandes**, **Noreen (McDonagh) Zelano** and **Brian McDonald** ('95). The newlyweds honeymooned on a cruise of the southern Caribbean. They live in Quincy. • **Matt Hasselbeck** sitting out hurt for the Miami game on November 21 cost me a crucial win in my fantasy football league. All I'm saying is "cortizone." • **Lori (Neill) Moriarty** and her husband, John, write to announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Catherine, on June 8, 2004. The family recently moved to Ridgefield, CT. • I had brunch with **Diana Pisciotta** and her husband, Mark Sternman, a few days after the election. He works for Kerry, so was bummed by the result. The good news is, they recently bought a summer home in Kennebunk, ME, so they can relax after a hectic year.

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Julie Tucker and **Tom Rollauer** were married on August 28, 2004, in Ridgewood, NJ. Julie's father, Stephen Tucker ('68), gave her away in front of many BC alumni from the Class of 1967 on through the Class of 2000. Members of the bridal party included maid of honor Catherine Tucker ('99) and best men Andrew Rollauer ('99) and **John Rollauer**, as well as **Marybeth (Gerson) Heyd**, **Suzanne Egan**, **Amy Larsen** ('98), **Andrew Wendel**, **David O'Brien**, **Fergus O'Donoghue** ('98) and **Jason Campbell** ('98). **Linda Song Wendel** and **Katie (Hart) Rollauer** ('99) were readers, and former members of the Boston College Chorale attending as guests sang at the nuptial Mass. After honeymooning in Aruba, Julie and Tom have settled in Bronxville, NY. Tom was recently promoted to vice president at C-BASS, LLC, a mortgage securitization firm in Manhattan. Julie is a sales manager at ECI, a hedge fund technology company, also based in Manhattan. • **Amy O'Neil** married **Jeremy Downs** on June 26, 2004, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Cambridge. **Ciara O'Connell** and **Jane Condon** were bridesmaids. **Jennifer Caldwell** was a reader, while **Mario Mapelli** and **Mary (Dyan) McGilligan** were greeters. Other 1997 BC alumni in attendance included **Nicole Ananian**, **Tricia (Coia) Boyle**, **Cathy (Finnerty) Caputo**, **Peter Farah**, **Johanna Fuentes**, **Amy**

(Austin) Kalman, **Jennifer (Rechichar) Killer**, **Kelly (Cooper) Lee**, **Victoria (Messer) Lloyd**, **Dominique McCarthy**, **Kelly Sheets** and **Jason Sorvillo**. A reception followed at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, where the couple's arrival was heralded by the Boston Gaelic Fire Brigade Pipes & Drums. The couple honeymooned on Maui, Oahu and Kauai for three weeks, before returning home to Chicago. • **Tristan Jordan** and **Jennifer Klingler** ('99) were married on Long Beach Island, NJ, on July 16, 2004. Many of their BC friends joined them on their sunny wedding day at the beach. BC Class of '97 alums included groomsman **Brian Gardiner**, as well as **Mike Del Priore**, **Mike Petrillo**, **Alex McMillan**, **Brian Gilchrist**, **Chris Bodkin**, **John Stunson**, **Matt Hoefling**, **Jeremy Bogle**, **Greg Kirby** and **Allison Prinn**. BC Class of '99 alumni included bridesmaid **Caroline Miller**, as well as **Caroline Breyley**, **Liz Fote**, **Terry Maisto**, **Sarah Spahn**, **Jessica (Fougere) Gross** and **Chris Bowler**. Jenn and Tristan honeymooned in Hawaii and are now living in Arlington. • After working for the Boston Symphony Orchestra for about three years, **Mary Hubbell** earned her master of music degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She now studies classical singing at the Royal Conservatory at The Hague in the Netherlands. • The Fifth Annual Sonny Nictakis Memorial Golf Tournament was held on September 26, 2004. Again, it was a huge success. The tournament was held at Bay Pointe Golf Club on Cape Cod, and over 80 golfers showed up. The winning foursome was **Bryan McGinn** ('98), **Kevin Caulfield** ('00), **Dave Wainwright** and **Kevin Penwell**. Next year the tournament will be held on Sunday, September 25, at the same location. People interested can contact Kevin Penwell at kevin_penwell@gillette.com.

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Danielle (Wood) DeSanto received her MBA in finance from Johns Hopkins University last May. She is working for an accounting and consulting firm called Aronson and Company in Rockville, MD. Danielle married **Rob DeSanto** on July 20, 2002. Rob is a photography teacher and is also a freelance graphic artist and photographer. They live in Germantown, MD. • **Alison Curd** graduated from Kellogg School of Management in June and took a job in Minneapolis-St. Paul at Guidant Corporation. Guidant makes medical devices for the heart. She started with them in finance, but is pursuing a general management rotation program. She spent time in eastern Europe and Russia last summer. • **Kerianne (Barbour) Maloney** received her MBA from Georgia Tech last spring. She is now a senior analyst for Wells Real Estate Funds in Atlanta. While at Tech, Kerianne received the Dean's Award and held a graduate research assistantship with the Georgia Tech Financial Analysis Lab. Her research was featured in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Forbes*. • **Bill Maloney** is getting his MBA at the University of Georgia. • **Mike Pawlik** and **Erin Gibbons** were married on September 3 in

Pittsburgh, PA. Class of '98ers in attendance were **Debbie** and **Tom Stone**, **Kate McCarthy**, **Michele Debrececi**, **Maggie Villamana**, **Brett Sterenson**, **Ryan Howe**, **Will Guaraldi**, and **Haj Matsukata**. Erin is in her third year of a urology residency at the University of Pittsburgh and Mike is in the first year of his radiology residency at Rochester General Hospital. • **Lisa (Auriemma) McGrory** and her husband, John ('99), had a daughter, Alexis Dachille McGrory, on August 24, 2004. Lisa took three months off from work to enjoy her new daughter. • **Rima (Nasrallah) Rusnak** got married on July 17 to Kevin Rusnak. The wedding was in Cincinnati, OH, where they currently live. They honeymooned in Hawaii. Class of '98ers in attendance included bridesmaids **Kate Prior** and **Tori Brooks**. Also in attendance were **Alyssa (Vore) O'Reilly**, **Bob O'Reilly**, **Amy Schreiber** and **Broderick Bagert**. **Tracy Fredkin** was unable to attend due to work, and **Sean Mills** also missed the event, as he was on a business trip to China! Kevin is a historian for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and Rima is a third-year pediatric resident at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. • **Claudine Pietrucha-Workman** was married in 2002 to Brent Workman, who is from Katy, TX, where they live now. They own a horse stable, and Claudine also teaches kindergarten in Houston. On September 6, 2004, Claudine gave birth to a baby girl, Brielle Elizabeth Workman. • **Tom Stone** got married on July 12, 2003, to his best friend from high school, **Debbie**. They were married on Long Island, where they grew up and currently reside. The wedding party included **Erin Gibbons** and **Brett Sterenson**. Other '98ers who attended were **Mike Pawlik** and **Kate McCarthy**. They also bought a house last fall. • **Clare DiBiasie** married **James Behrens** on September 4, 2004, at St. John Church in Old Saybrook, CT, and the reception was at the Water's Edge Resort in Westbrook, CT. **Anne Marie DiBiasie** was the maid of honor and **Matt Reid** was the best man. **Elizabeth Monaghan**, **Cheryl Sandison**, **Valerie (Pellegrini) Clark**, **Kelly Welch** and **Kate Cunningham** were bridesmaids. Other '98ers in attendance: **Leanne Little**, **Lisa (Cancilla) McCormack**, **Chrissy (Torchen) Farkas** and **Jen (Coyle) Sapak**. Clare and Jimmy honeymooned in Hawaii and live in Wilmington, NC. • **Fergus O'Donoghue** married **Carolyn Mansfield** in September at St. Paul in

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Cambridge. BC grads in the bridal party included Carolyn's parents, David O'Brien ('97), Tom Rollauer ('97) and Brendan Mansfield ('05). Also in attendance were **Ann (Baldelli) MacDonald**, Julie (Tucker) Rollauer ('97), **Eric Lussen** ('98), Matt McGowan ('97) and Rebecca Frost (Law '02). The couple honeymooned in Botswana and now live in Washington, DC. Fergus works in New York City with Deloitte Consulting, where he was promoted to manager in the Strategy Practice focusing on media companies. • **Amy Wilson** recently completed her master's in English and secondary education and is now studying to be a reading consultant. Her new husband, Frank Balisciano, is a registered nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital. • **Jocelyn Cavanna** was married in October in Connecticut. BC '98ers in the wedding included **Michelle Breitman** and **Dawn Krieger**. BC alumni in attendance were myself, **Charise Rohm**, **Josephine Sciarrino**, Mary and Joe Allen, **Emily Sherman** and her husband, **Jeanette O'Malley**, **Laura Kavanagh**, **Erin Ryan**, **Kathryn Edison**, **Kim Pantos**, **Meghan Voris**, **Maggie Ryan**, **Mary Pat Lancelotta**, **Brad Price** ('97), and **Jen (Coyle) Sapak** and her husband. • **Kathryn Edison** was married in Jackson Hole over Labor Day weekend. Erin Ryan, Charise Rohm, Jeanette O'Malley, **Jess Miller**, **Laura Kavanagh**, **Mary Pat Lancelotta**, **Jocelyn Cavanna** and **Jess Walters** attended. Sadly, I had to miss the festivities, as I was busy moving to Chicago that weekend! • **Chris Rodier** just had his second baby, a boy named Christopher Peter. • **Raj Bhakta**, our next TV star, appeared in the second season of "The Apprentice." • **Ereka Vetrini**, also an "Apprentice" alum, is now hosting a talk show with Tony Danza. • I am in Chicago working for Time Inc. on *All You* magazine while my husband attends Kellogg to get his MBA. I was in Alaska for a week in August – it was amazing! Please keep your updates coming. Have a wonderful spring!

'99

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Hello all. Emily and I want to thank those of you who have kept in touch and wanted to encourage the rest of you to please write in with updates. We hope you all had a happy and healthy holiday and are looking forward to the spring. **John**

McGrory and his wife, Lisa (Auriemma '98), are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Dacheille, on August 24, 2004. John and his family are currently living in Dix Hills on Long Island. John is working as a senior sales representative for Aventis Pharmaceuticals. • **Christina Pulles** married Mark Boomer, a biomedical engineer, at Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Miami, FL, on February 15, 2003. Boston College graduates included the maid of honor, **Nathalie Marie**, bridesmaid Tawny Allen ('00) and attendees **Yvonne Carrero**, **Paul Denoly**, **Jake Matthews** and **Zeynep Ozkan**. Christina is a freelance reporter for KMIR 6 News in Palm Springs, CA, and an associate producer at KCAL/KCBS in Los Angeles. She also freelances for CNN LA as a field producer. • **Jane Corsiglia** married David Robert Bockel, Jr. in August 2004 in Chicago, IL. From the Class of 1999 in the wedding party were **Lindsay Collin**, **Jennifer Flatley**, **Shannon Hook** and **Greg Southall**. Also in attendance from the Class of 1999 were **Tracie Goodrick**, **Michelle Harlow**, **Maren Krebsbach**, **Karen McConnell**, **Chris Bowler**, **Kevin Kraft**, **Jeff McCarthy**, **James Reichert** and **Nick Seyfried**. The newlywed couple honeymooned in Nevis, West Indies, and will reside in Atlanta, GA. • **Betherin (O'Hare) Busa** had her second baby, Bryce Joseph Busa, in April 2004. Bryce joins his older brother, Brock Thomas. Betherin currently works for the Newton public schools and resides in Newton with her husband, Nathan. • **Jennifer Klingler** and **Tristan Jordan** ('97) were married on Long Beach Island, NJ, on July 16, 2004. Many of their BC friends joined them on their sunny wedding day at the beach. BC Class of '99 alums included bridesmaid **Caroline Miller** as well as **Caroline Breyley**, **Liz Fote**, **Terry Maisto**, **Sarah Spahn**, **Jessica (Fougere) Gross** and **Chris Bowler**. BC Class of '97 alums included groomsmen **Brian Gardiner** as well as **Mike Del Priore**, **Mike Petrillo**, **Alex McMillan**, **Brian Gilchrist**, **Chris Bodkin**, **John Stunson**, **Matt Hoefling**, **Jeremy Bogle**, **Greg Kirby** and **Allison Prinn**. Jenn and Tristan honeymooned in Hawaii and they are now living in Arlington, MA. • **Terry Maisto** moved to New York City this summer and is teaching on Long Island. **Carrie Friedman** and **Stephen Lloyd** were married October 30, 2004, in Los Angeles, CA. BC alums in attendance included **Andrew Friedman** ('03), **Courtney Heins** ('98), **Charlie Veprek** ('00) and **Geralyn Endo** ('98). Carrie and Stephen live in Los Angeles, where she is a novelist and he is a sitcom writer. • On Sunday, September 5, 2004, **Neela Sookdeo** and **Paul Moore** were married in Chicago, IL, at the Le Meridien Hotel. Paul and Neela met each other on the first day of Freshman Orientation in August 1995. The bridal party included the best man, **Gary Jennison, Jr.**, **Samuel Wholley**, **Darren Johnson** ('02), **Anne Watson** ('98) and **Caterina Pisciotta**. Also in attendance were **Charles Thomas** ('97), **John Dailey**, **Adam Toczylowski**, **Sophy Theam**, **Ketsy Vilaythong** ('00), **Makiko Dan**, **Sandra Christensen**, **Erin Boles**, **Greg Jennison** ('02) and **Lindsay Jennison** ('06). As a special surprise to the bride and groom, Mrs. Jennison (mother of Gary, Greg and Lindsay) brought a CD with the BC fight song. The Eagles in atten-

dance sang three choruses of our great school song, led by the very energetic and patriotic John Dailey. Way to show that school spirit! Paul and Neela are now living in Budd Lake, NJ. After graduating from BC, Paul moved to Wisconsin to work in GE's two-year Financial Management Program. After completing the program, Paul decided he could not live without his college sweetheart and moved to New Jersey to be with her. He is now working for Cadbury Adams as its field sales finance analyst. After graduating from BC, Neela went on to complete a dual degree program at Rutgers University, earning her MSW and JD. She is now a member of the bar in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and works as a deputy attorney general for the New Jersey Division of Law, handling child abuse cases. • **Kristen Proude** married Chad Feetham on November 20. BC alumni in the wedding were **Leanne DeMarco** and **Julie Mitchelson**. Other BC alumni in attendance were **Shelby Saad-Callahan**, **Kristin (Tyler) Harris**, **Mike Harris** ('97), **Mike Ingoldsby** ('00), **John Gilbert**, **Melissa Wehr** and **Tiffany Feist** ('00). • **Kristin (Tyler) Harris** wed **Mike Harris** ('97) in May 2004. **Kristen Proude** and **Leanne DeMarco** went to the wedding. **Kristin** is currently an attorney. • **Marianne Russo** is an account executive for Apple Computer, Latin American Division, managing retail sales for the Caribbean and Central America. On March 27, 2004, she married college sweetheart **Damon Halback**. Fellow BC alums **Brian Smith**, **Andrew Peña**, **Nathalie Marie**, **Clarence Perrera** and **Megan Shaughnessy** were amongst the Boston College guests at the wedding in South Beach, FL, Marianne's current residence. • **Brian Monahan** ('98) is a financial planner currently working for Smith Barney in New York. • **Lindsay Taylor** and **Brian Belanich** were married on August 28, 2004, in New Mexico. The following Class of '99ers were in attendance: **Mike** and **Laura (Ghiglione) Macmillan**, **Sam Gilbert**, **Pat Chatfield**, **Jeff Lyons**, **Chris Curran**, **James Wu**, **Noel Yeh**, **Bridget Sherry**, **Todd Macey**, **Pat Criscillo**, **PJ Brennan** and **Brian Barrio**. They honeymooned in Hawaii and live in New York, where Brian is a real estate financial analyst and CPA for Kimco Realty on Long Island and Lindsay is a product manager for men's sportswear at Federated Merchandising Group in Manhattan. • **Krissy Frazao** checked in from Savannah, GA, where she is currently working as a TV news reporter for an ABC affiliate. **Ryan Foley**, **Brian Lynch**, **Jeff Tusa** and **Nicole Rasmussen** are all attending their first year of business school at the University of Texas at Austin. • **Lori Nehls** married Robert E. Nickerson on August 21, 2004, in Bedford. The wedding party was full of BC alums: **Mary Martin** ('98), **Susan Maloney**, **Kimberly Regan**, **Erin Kelleher** and **Lisa McGonagle** ('95). Other BC alums in attendance were **Nancy Cremins** ('98), **Amy Jordan** ('98), **Jessica Pollio** ('98), **Jonathan** and **Erin Graziano**, **Jamie Hart**, **Jonathan Schwartz** ('98), **Michael Regan** ('98) and **Stephanie Blazewicz**. They had a great time in Aruba for their honeymoon and now are living in Brighton. • **Matt Bonavita** and **Kristen Farrell** got married in Niagra-on-the-Lake, Canada, on August 14, 2004. **Michael Sheehan**

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and **Len Scarola** were groomsmen, **Lara Farrell Hitchcock**, **Heather McSweeney Bonner** and **Kathy Chang** were bridesmaids. Other Eagles who were present included **Matt Collieran**, **Laura Thompson** ('97), **Damian Paletta**, **Colleen Doyle** ('00), **Jay Lovejoy** and **Michelle Mokaba**, **Jessica Aliberti Merrick**, **Brendon O'Brien** and **Joseph Bonavita** ('00). The happy couple spent two weeks in Marbella, Spain, for the honeymoon and currently live in the North End.

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Moir Crowley, **John Kalin**, **Andrea Marvin**, **Kristen Perras** and **Chris Marshall** graduated in June 2004 from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. • **Genevieve N. Reiner** is currently living in Columbus, OH. After receiving a master of arts in South Asian art history from Ohio State University in June 2004, Genevieve has begun her first year as a law student at OSU's Moritz College of Law. • **Lisa Tulipani** recently completed a certification exam through the Oncology Nursing Society, making her an oncology certified nurse. Lisa is currently employed at both the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston. • **Dave Nix** is currently living in Denver, CO, where he is studying at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary to become a Catholic priest. • **Alison Leigh Carey** and **William Kent Ryan** were married on May 1, 2004, at St. Joseph's Church in Bronxville, NY. Members of the bridal party included **David Bottaro**, **Alison Burt**, **Joshua Goodman**, **Nathalia Rivarola Goodman**, **Kristin Mead**, **Allesandro Girolamo** ('93), **Heather Ryan Girolamo** ('92), **Christina Carey Grimes** ('97) and **Tara Ryan McDermott** ('97). **Emily Tiberio** ('97) was also in attendance. Bill and Ali honeymooned at Little Dix Bay, on Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, and currently reside in Charlestown. • **Carrie Scurzo** and **David Naulty** were married on June 12, 2004, in Verona, NJ. Members of our class in the wedding party included the best man, **Brent Osborn**; groomsmen **Allen Cermak** and **Dennis McCloskey**; and bridesmaids **Anna Kelleher**, **Jenn Maloney** and **Heidi Pascuiti**. Also participating in the wedding were **Andrew Abbott** and **Katie Williams**. The Naultys now reside in Hoboken, NJ. David is a banker at Goldman Sachs and Carrie is a recruiter at Citigroup. • On August 20, 2004, **Deanna Marie Deskin** and **Marc Joseph Cusano** ('01) were married at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church. BC grads in the wedding party were **Kristen DeMayo**, **Ferdinando Di Fino** and **Karen Tlucek** ('99). BC grads also present included **Dave Ascioti**, **John Bosco**, **Lora Cataldi**, **Kelley Gerrity** and **Jim Spadazzi**. The couple currently resides in Boston. Deanna is a math teacher at West Roxbury High School; and Marc is pursuing a career in law. • **Stephen Dapra** married **Beniamina Natali** on August 28, 2004, in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Groomsmen included **Daniel Johnson**, **Patrick Kneib**, **David Robbins** and **Bryan Arndt** ('99). • **Sara Helfrich** married **Matt Thomas** on October 9, 2004, in

Pittsburgh, PA. The couple honeymooned in South Africa. Sara is currently working on her PhD in literacy at the University of Pittsburgh. Matt works in sales for GE Power in Denver. Sara will join Matt in Colorado after she finishes her degree this spring. • On October 23, 2004, **Lauren Tilelli** and **Eric Hauser** were married at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church. Richard McGowen, SJ, presided over the ceremony. BC alumni in the wedding party were **James Baranowski**, **Richard Beekman**, **Michael Holden**, **John McGill**, **James Neely** ('99) and **Rafael Salas**, as well as **Kelly Johnston Middleton**, **Rory Moore** and **Caitlin Murphy**. **Kalina Brabeck** and **Elizabeth Loring** participated in the ceremony. Class of 2000 alumni in attendance at the wedding were **Christine Aliperti**, **John Castanino**, **Christian Dieckmann**, **Catherine Dimon**, **Jordana Dopazo**, **Stephen Duncan**, **Christopher Franklin**, **Abigail Galmiche**, **Magaret Gould**, **Brian Johnson**, **Andrew Karberg**, **John "Jay" Mitchell**, **Nicolas Montes**, **Brent** and **Kathleen Williams Osborn**, **Sean Skrypek** and **Patrick Waddell**. **Katrina Zorka** and **Michael Drage** ('99) also attended. Eric received his master of science in neurobiology from BC's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 2002. Lauren and Eric are currently working in San Diego and living in La Jolla, CA. • **Ryan Debin** and **Jennifer Butterworth** were married on October 24, 2004, at All Saints Parish in Brookline. A reception at the Gamble Mansion in the Back Bay followed the ceremony. The wedding party included **Jason Denoncourt**, **Matthew McArdle** and **Genevieve Thiers**. Also in attendance were **Matthew Adams**, **Janine Garzia**, **Natasha Harvey** ('02), **Sarah Hearn**, **Denise McCort**, **David Miller**, **Dana Parlato Pine**, **Josh Levy** ('04) and **Sam McArdle** ('05). The couple honeymooned in Bermuda, Maui and Kauai. Ryan is employed at AngloIrish Bank in Boston as an assistant vice president. He is also the president of TNM Realty in Chestnut Hill and general partner of Ladder Property Investments, LP. Jennifer is an art studio teacher at Bright Horizons in Boston. • **Michael Cook** and his wife, Pamela, announce the birth of their daughter, **Kendall Elisabeth**, on June 26, 2004. • **Meghan McLaughlin Zelles** and **Ned Zelles**, along with big sister Maggie, are proud to announce the birth of **Haley Mangan**, born October 10, 2004. Meghan has taken time off to stay home with her two girls. The Zelles

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family is currently living in Rockville Centre, NY. • **Stephen Holland**, his wife, **Lindsay**, and their daughter, **Sydney**, would like to announce the birth of their second child, **Stephen III**. He was born on October 18, 2004. • Congratulations to **Kathryn K. Moran** and **Peter A. Vanaria**, who married in Louisville, KY, on October 30, 2004. **Katie** and **Pete** currently live in Chicago, IL. • Thanks again for sharing your news with everyone. Remember to save the date of our reunion, June 3-5, 2005. The Reunion Committee is already working hard to create a memorable experience for all. Please make sure all of your information is up to date, especially your e-mail addresses (go to www.bc.edu/alumni/community to update your information). Also be on the lookout for e-mail updates and alumni mailings detailing Reunion Weekend.

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Happy new year, Class of 2001! I'm glad to report that there are many glad tidings to share from our classmates! On October 25, 2003, **Jessica E. Kiracofe** was married to **Edward "Ned" M. Fitter**, and has changed her name to **Jessica E.K. Fitter**. They honeymooned in Aruba for a week, and then in the Thousand Islands (upstate NY) for a second week. They are currently residing in Owings Mills, MD. Our best wishes to the newlyweds! • **Lisa (Grandy)** and **Victor Pereira** are happy to announce the birth of their son, **Jacob Thomas**, on September 1, 2004. Congrats to you! • Double Eagle **Ryan Travia** writes: "On August 7, 2004, I married **Erin Kelly** ('03), at St. Ignatius Church. Erin is currently a graduate student in the mental health counseling program at BC, and I direct the alcohol and drug education program for Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. We currently reside in Manchester, NH. Several BC alums and staff members were present at the wedding, including the following members of the wedding party: **Matt Melanson** (groomsman), **Justin Tease** (groomsman), **Kari Knight** ('03, maid of honor), **Abigail Weaver** ('03, bridesmaid), **Lauren Schwer** ('03, bridesmaid)." Congrats! • **Tricia Klemballa**, daughter of **Charles Klemballa** ('69), married **Nicholas Marino** ('00) in Livingston, NJ, on July 24, 2004. Their bridal party included **Carolyn Klemballa** ('98), **Karyn Tessitore** and **Carlos Rodriguez** ('00). Other BC alums in attendance were **Christy Merullo**, **Megan Cunningham**, **Mariana Lopez**, **Julie Minihane**, **Lauren Hill**, **John Kowaleski**, **Erin Haran**, **Paul** and **Candice Cunningham**, **Hugh O'Kane** ('00), **Brooke Bartlett** ('00), **Patrick Mac Curtain** ('00), **Vince McWade** ('00) and **Chris Principe** ('00). During their reception, the couple were announced with "For Boston!" They honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii. Nicholas is currently working as an attorney in Manhattan, and Tricia is teaching first grade in Livingston, NJ. They currently reside in Cedar Grove, NJ. **Cathleen Blaston** was married to **Michael Ryer** on November 20, 2004, in Philadelphia, PA. BC bridesmaids include **Georgia (Cheswick) Burke** and **Amy Abate**. Other BC alums in attendance were **Caroline Griffith**, **Kathryn Wilkinson**, **Kara**

Levy, Chrissy (Cicon) Stern, Tina Cocuzza and Greg Spicer. • Jared C. Fields has recently joined the litigation department of Parsons Behle & Latimer. Congratulations to all and keep those announcements coming!!

'02

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Congratulations to **Hunter Larson** and **Meredith Roberts**, who were married on May 29, 2004, in Williston Park, NY, and honeymooned in Virgin Gorda. They live in Stamford, CT, where Meredith works as a campus recruiter for UBS Investment Bank. Hunter is a consultant with Accenture and is currently assigned to Columbus, OH. **Caitlin Barry**, **Toni Mardirossian** and **Julie McSweeney** ('03) served as bridesmaids. **Andy Plodkowski** and **Mark Williams** served as groomsmen. Also in attendance was **Amy Cusano**. • Congratulations also to **Katy Kish**, who married David Roberts in a ceremony outside Cleveland, OH, on July 3. Bridesmaids included **Lilly Iarrapino** and **Laura Burns**. In attendance were **Katie Doran**, **Laura Mestre**, **Kenneth Tilton** and **Brett Thomas**. The couple honeymooned in St. Barts and reside in Cleveland. • **Rebecca Gottstein** has joined St. John's Preparatory School as advancement operations coordinator. • **Kerry Healey McManama** graduated from the master of arts writing and publishing program at Emerson College in May 2004.

'03

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On October 23, 2004, **Pam Longar** married **Brian Clifton** at St. Brigid Catholic Church in San Diego, CA. **Lauren Neuman** was in the bridal party. Other classmates who attended the celebration include **Tina Neuner**, **Sharon Wang**, **Dan Last**, **Ryan Guthrie**, **Julie McSweeney**, **Anne DaSilva**, **Britt Frisk**, **Matt Pados**, **Katie Dalton** and **Reagan Sullivan**. Pam and Brian traveled to St. Lucia for their honeymoon. The happy couple now resides in Pacific Beach in San Diego, where Brian is a captain in the US Marines and flies the CH-46 helicopter and Pam is ensign in the US Navy, working in the emergency room at Naval Medical Center San Diego. • On August 7, 2004, **Erin Kelly** married **Ryan Travia** ('01) at St. Ignatius Church. Erin is currently a graduate student in the mental health counseling program at BC and Ryan directs the alcohol and drug education program for Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. The couple currently resides in Manchester, NH. Several BC alums and staff members were present at the wedding, including the following members of the wedding party: groomsmen **Matt Melanson** ('01) and **Justin Tease** ('01), maid-of-honor **Kari Knight** and bridesmaids **Abigail Weaver** and **Lauren Schwer**. Congratulations to both new couples on your marriages!! • **Karen Stamm** is currently in her second year of an experimental psychology PhD program at the University of Rhode Island. • **Miguel Teixeira** has just started his first year of

a political science master's degree at the University of Delaware. • Please continue to send updates you'd like to me to include in the next edition.

'04

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This first update from '04 grads comes mostly from my BC circle of friends, so I encourage the rest of you to e-mail me about your lives. • After graduation, **Katie Stainken** spent another month in Boston training with the crew team to attend the Henley Royal Regatta in England. She's back overseas in Karlsruhe, Germany, where she is studying as one of BC's Fulbright Scholars. Katie is working on a project involving atmospheric chemistry and taking environmental courses, when she is not traveling or "staying out late with party-happy Germans." Over Thanksgiving she was visited by **Courtney Shea**, who is working for an education travel company, NETC, as a tour consultant. She helps teachers plan trips to Europe with their students. As part of her job she not only traveled to Germany, but Switzerland, Austria, France and Ireland. • **Kristin Kelly** is working for Teach for America in New Orleans. After the Red Sox won the World Series, she e-mailed to say, "Ms. Kelly's fourth-period tenth-grade geometry class is having a party tomorrow because the Red Sox won the World Series." She also mentioned that although her students *never* do their homework, they certainly remember the score of each Red Sox playoff game for extra credit. Her BC roommate, **Tricia Garrity**, is serving as a Jesuit Volunteer in Sacramento, CA. She works at Hope Academy, where she serves as an elementary school teaching assistant and tutoring center coordinator. • **Tim Arth** is at Indiana University-Bloomington in the first year of a two-year master's program in higher education student affairs. He lives in the residence halls, supervises RAs and assists the residence manager. • **Drew Schaffer** graduated from the US Army's Infantry Officer Basic Course in November and then headed to Ranger School, where he will be training before he is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. • **Courtney Valentine** is a Jesuit Volunteer in San Diego. She works as a case manager at San Diego Youth and Community Services' The Bridge, which is a home for adolescents. • **Angela M. Rubertino** joined Nickerson PR, Marketing & Events, Inc., as a marketing coordinator. She is responsible for servicing key clients in both the public relations and marketing divisions. • And finally, O'Neil and Associates, a Boston-based government and public relations firm, hired **Emily Lalone** and **Nairi Aprahamian** during the fall. Emily is an account coordinator in the public relations division, assisting multiple clients with their media and public relations campaigns. Nairi is a marketing assistant in the operations division, where she coordinates communications with current and prospective clients. She also assists marketing the firm through events and collateral

material development. • I hope the holidays blessed you and your families, and I hope to hear from more of you in the future!

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Natalia (Lee) Guerra (MBA '91) is a contract specialist for the Panama Canal Authority. She and her husband Fernando, also a Fulbright Scholar, are the proud parents of Fernando José (2) and Roberto Andrés (1). **Elizabeth Shapiro** (MBA '88) is a real estate sales specialist with Coldwell Banker Real Estate out of Wellesley. **Robert D. Bailey** (JD/MBA '04) has joined Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP in Morristown, NJ. He will focus his practice in products liability. **Kristian R. Svindland** (MBA '02) has started his own business, HROplus, Inc., (www.hroplus.com), based in Laconia, NH, that is geared to helping small businesses administer all aspects of their human resources, including employee benefits, compliance, employee risk and workers compensation insurance. In addition, he got married on August 7, 2004, to Sarah Torres along the shores of Lake Sunapee, NH.

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Martha Mance (MS '00) is a nurse practitioner at Women and Infants Hospital in Rhode Island. **Denise Charron-Prochownik** (MS '82) is associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh and has two funded projects using computer technology related to information about diabetes. **Pamela Senesac** (PhD '04) has been appointed associate director of the graduate program at the Massachusetts General Hospital's Institute of Health Professions. Other doctoral program alums on the faculty there are **Ellen Long Middleton** (PhD '01), **Deborah D'Avolio** (PhD '03) and **Joanne O'Sullivan** (MS '97, PhD '03). In September, **Eileen McGee** (PhD '04) gave the address at the Pinning Convocation of the master's entry students at the BC School of Nursing. **Gary Schultz** (PhD '02) coauthored an article on Husserl's theory of wholes and parts and the methodology of nursing research in a recent issue of *Nursing Philosophy*. **Joseph Schmelz** (PhD '96) recently coauthored an article on research related to the care of the critically ill patient in a military environment in *Critical Care Nursing Clinics of North America*. He also presented "Research to Reality" at a meeting of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. **Lin Zhan** (PhD '93) presented a paper on the mental health of Asian American elderly at the third annual Asian American conference. She also coauthored an article on Alzheimer's care-giving from the perspective of Chinese care-givers. **Kathleen Beyerman** (MS '82) authored an article on highway nursing in a recent issue of *Nursing Spectrum*. She is director of the Community Health Institute, the Staff Education Development Department, and Clinical and Nursing Research at Winchester Hospital. **Barbara Madden** (MS '73) appeared

on NBC's "Dateline," talking about sexual assaults. She also was re-elected as treasurer of Alpha Chi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. **Particia Acari** (PhD '96) was featured in an article on mind-body practices in fertility in the recent issue of *Nursing Spectrum*. **Carol Picard** (PhD '98) received an Alumni Achievement Award from Fitchburg State College for her service to a variety of nursing organizations. Carol is president-elect of Sigma Theta Tau International.

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Robert J. Gerardi (DEd '80) was recently appointed superintendent of schools in Essex, VT. **Jeremy Bailey** (PhD '03) received the prestigious Political Science Award for exploring the tension between philosophical consistency and the pragmatism US presidents need in ruling a nation. **Meghan Broadstone** (PhD '04) has accepted the position of consulting research associate for the Partnership Impact Project at the Education Development Center in Newton. **Stephanie Fraone** (PhD '04) has been appointed visiting assistant professor of psychology at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. **Linda Mac Cammon** (PhD '98) has been appointed assistant professor, St. John Fisher College, NY. **Jeremy Wilkins** (PhD '04) was recently appointed assistant professor, University of St. Thomas School of Theology, Texas. **Anna Perkins** (PhD '04) has accepted the position of dean of studies and faculty at St. Michael's Theological Centre, Jamaica, and is also teaching at the University of West Indies. **Maria Cimperman** (PhD '04) has been appointed assistant professor, Oblate School of Theology, Texas. **Kristin Heyer** (PhD '03) has been appointed to a position at Loyola Marymount University, California. **Paul LaChance** (PhD '03) has been appointed adjunct professor at St. Anselm College, New Hampshire. **Reid Locklin** (PhD '03) has been appointed professor at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto. **Beth Dunlop** (PhD '04) has been appointed professor at St. Herman's Theological Seminary, Alaska. **Kevin Spicer** (PhD '00) recently had published *Resisting the Third Reich: The Catholic Clergy in Hitler's Berlin* (Dekalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2004).

GSSW

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Edward Liston (PhD '97) was promoted to vice president for professional and clinical services at Faulkner Hospital in Boston. He will supervise a variety of hospital programs including psychiatry, addiction medication, neurology, social work, interpreter services, case management, quality improvement and community health and benefits. Edward will also oversee hospital initiatives that include patient safety. He is also an adjunct clinical professor at Smith College and a clinical instructor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. **Manja Krieks Miles** (MSW '95) recently opened a private practice in

Newton after working for nine years in both inpatient and outpatient settings. In addition, she continues to work part time as a clinician at the Riverside Outpatient Center in Norwood. Her private practice focuses on working with individuals with obsessive compulsive disorders, families and couples. **Lisa Bello** (MSW '97) gave birth to a daughter this past July and is currently at home raising her four-year-old son and new baby. Lisa has maintained her LICSW and Certification as an Employee Assistance Professional. She also recently obtained her Licensure as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. **Teresa (Patterson) Hayes** (MSW '99) is currently working for Health South Corporation as the director of business development at Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital. Teresa and her husband celebrated the birth of their first child earlier this year. Teresa and her family recently moved back to the Boston area from Chicago and are living in Braintree. **Jessica Garlock-Tuialii** (MSW '99) is currently working for the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Health Department as a program supports trainer in Honolulu, Hawaii. She recently became licensed in the state of Hawaii. **Barbara Tortorella** (MSW '72) is currently working with the Norwell Visiting Nurses assessing elders in their home and assisting with care planning. She has also been in private practice for 18 years, specializing in addictions, relapse prevention, bereavement and adoption. Barbara has specialized training in Alzheimer's disease, substance abuse and hypnosis. Recently, Barbara has been doing motivational speaking in some of her many areas of expertise. **Lora Jakubczak-Abraham** (MSW/MBA '00) is working as the program director of an adolescent girls residential group home in Bethlehem, NH. In addition, she and her husband are renovating an old Colonial home on their property into a bed and breakfast. **Andrea Cohen** (MSW '84) is the CEO of HouseWorks, a Newton-based company that provides services that helps seniors stay at home. She lives in Brookline with her husband and two children. **Joanna Brownstein** (MSW '99) is currently working as a project coordinator in the Informatics Program at Children's Hospital in Boston. She is also a clinician at Children's Friend in Worcester, working with children in adoptive, foster care and kinship care placements. **Kerry Ford Morancy** (MSW/MA '99) is working as the spiritual development coordinator for 170 children in two residential treatment facilities in Maryland. She facilitates ecumenical worship services and meets individually with children regarding their spiritual lives. She and her husband recently celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary. **Brenda Vitale** (MSW '99) is currently working as the information and program specialist for the Community Living Exchange Collaborative Clearinghouse. The Website is a project of the Center for the Study of Home and Community Life at the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. **Lane (Sniffin) Rebelo** (MSW '99) is currently working as marketing director for Radius Senior Housing in Wakefield, a consulting group that works with nonprofit retirement communities. She is currently working with

their client, Marian Manor, a retirement community in South Boston. She and her husband live in Ashland. **Geraldine Sullivan** (MSW '66) passed away on October 3, 2004. Gerry served on the Executive Board of the BCGSSW Alumni Association from 1974-76. She had been a social worker at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged in Roslindale for 27 years. She is sadly missed by her sister, brothers, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and many friends.

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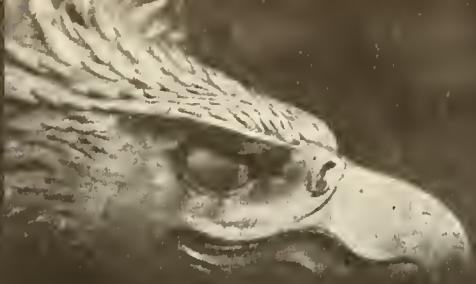
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Vincent J. Kloskowski, III (MA '96) has been promoted to director of admission at St. Joseph's College of Maine. He serves as an assembly delegate for the New England Association for College Admission Counseling (NEACAC) and is a co-chair on the planning committee for the 2005 NEACAC annual meeting and conference. Vincent is also vice president of the BC Alumni Association chapter for the state of Maine. **Kim Parker** (MED '02) received the 2004 Marion Gleason "Most Promising New Teacher" Award from the New England Association of Teachers of English. She is in the doctoral program at Penn's Graduate School of Education pursuing a focus on improving literacy in the lives of African American boys. **Harry Duvall** was recently named executive director of the South Boston Boys & Girls Club. He has five years of experience with the Boys & Girls Club movement, most recently as unit director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest County in Temecula, CA. There is a Web page for Higher Education program alumni. It's located at www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/highered/alumni/.

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Frank McLaughlin ('54) and **Clare McLaughlin** (LGSOE '73) went to Spain in November 2004 to attend a wedding for their nephew. The wedding was beautiful, as it was held at a castle. I was at a breakfast in December for Women Affirming Life and met **Mary Amsler** ('49) and **Eleanor McCabe** ('58). Either I am following Mary and Eleanor around or they are following me around, as both of them were at another function that was political in nature in October. Obviously, both Mary and Eleanor have kept quite busy and involved in retirement. On November 11, I attended the Mass in memory and in honor of all the Boston College veterans. Once again it was a beautiful Mass and ceremony. If you have any news, please drop me a note.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAPTER NOTES

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a joyous holiday season with your family and friends. On behalf of the Alumni Association, I wish you all the best for 2005.

Here at the Heights, the new year got off to a strong start when the Eagles brought home their sixth consecutive bowl title with their 37-24 win over the Tar Heels of North Carolina in the Continental Tire Bowl. The game was not short of excitement and is a great indication of the high caliber of athletic achievement of all of BC's sports teams. Several thousand alumni were among the sold-out crowd at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte and joined us for the pre-game tailgate at the Fox and Hound. Special thanks go to Christopher Kubala '93, MBA '00 and the Charlotte Chapter for hosting us and for showing such strong support for the maroon and gold in the heart of the ACC.

I am pleased to announce that 2005 is the inaugural year for Alumni Connections: The Boston College Faculty Speaker Series. Beginning in April, we will invite key BC faculty members to join us for speaking engagements in Boston College chapters around the country. This will provide a valuable opportunity for chapter members to participate in discussions on wide-ranging topics of interest, and will allow faculty to share their research and engage in a meaningful way with alumni around a common interest. Although we will focus on Tier I chapters initially, we look forward to rolling out this new program to all BC chapters in 2006 and beyond. I look forward to it becoming a new cornerstone of the national chapter program.

Another key element of the chapter program, the national dues structure, will also be in place this spring. As I write, our first-ever chapter membership drive is going out in the mail with an overview of the benefits of becoming a chapter member. Your dues help offset the costs of chapter events and programming, and we are counting on your support.

Across the country, BC chapters have been organizing a variety of events designed to appeal to a broad range of alumni interests, ages and affiliations. We were thrilled to travel with University President William P. Leahy, SJ, to San Francisco in January and Philadelphia in February for presidential discussions with area alumni. Thanks to Julie Finora McAfee '93 and John Sherlock '87 for their hospitality and for organizing such successful events for the Northern California and Philadelphia chapters, respectively. I'd like to commend the Hartford Chapter for such a strong turnout at their organizational meeting in February. I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Bob Emmett '98 as the new leader of the DC Chapter and Vin Wenners '67 as the new leader of the New Hampshire Chapter. A special thank you also goes out to Bill Hamrock '45 for his many years of service as the head of the New Hampshire Chapter.

More than a dozen newsletters with the new design went out to chapters in February, and the Websites continue to get steady use. We remain committed to keeping as many alumni as possible informed about and engaged with Boston College no matter where they live – and no matter when they graduated from BC. Now that the chapter program is taking flight, we are looking forward to further enhancing our programming for classes. On that front, I am pleased to welcome Jim Costa as our new associate director of classes as well as Erica Rosenthal '02 as a program assistant for classes. 2005 is proving to be an exciting year for the Alumni Association, so I hope you will take advantage this year of an opportunity to get involved.

Go Eagles!

Jack Moynihan
Senior Associate Director



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Martin S. Ridge '67
Harry R. Hirshorn '89
Sue Vranich '82
Sue Westover '84
Vacant
Julie Finora McAfee '93
Dave Telep '96
Marco Pace '93
Michael Garnsey '93
Bob Emmett '98
Misty Wheeler '86
Christopher K. Heaslip '86
Robert P. Vilece '89
Michael DiForio '98
Richard Ewing '98
William F. Hackett '66
Cam Van Noord '76
Mike Romaniello '90
Charles Rego '92
Stephen E. Ferrucci '87, JD '90
Vacant
Kenneth D. Pierce '79
John R. Craven '96
Kimberly O'Neil '97

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SEATTLE, WA
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GREECE

Matthew Flaherty '53
Robert T. Crowley, Jr. '70
Roshan Rajkumar '95
Jack Stapleton '78
Christopher Kubala '93, MBA '00
Vin Wenners '67
Michael Nyklewicz '86
Nancy Spadaro Bielawa '85
Dineen Riviezzo '89
R. Michael Wirin '89
Stephen Prozano '79
Renee Gorski Morgan '97
John G. Sherlock '87
Brian '92 and Suzi Walters '92
Matthew McConnell '98
Vacant
Christine M. Horstman '92
Vacant
Arnold Sookram '91
Andrew G. Docktor '86
Daryll Coates '00
Dave Krupinski '88

IN MEMORIAM

1926	James F. Kelly	08/04
1929	Arthur M. Morrissey	10/04
	Edward B. Murray	05/80
1931	Kenneth V. Dalton	08/04
	John F. Powers	11/04
1934	Rev. George S. Mahan, SJ	10/04
	Lawrence S. McBride	07/03
1935	Milton C. Borenstein	09/04
	Thomas F. Dowling	08/04
	Edward J. O'Brien	10/04
1937	Stephen C. Higgins	11/04
	Richard S. Sanderson	11/04
	Eric J. Stenholm	08/04
1939	Joseph P. Martin	10/04
	Paul L. Ryan	12/04
	Arthur P. Sullivan	11/04
1941	Harry E. Boltz	09/04
	Edward Morey	07/04
	John M. Mulroy	10/04
	John L. Nuttall, Jr.	11/04
1942	Rev. Daniel J. Barrett	11/04
	Richard J. Ferriter	08/04
	Florence Magner	09/04
	William H. Maguire	10/04
1943	Paul E. Leary	09/03
	John C. Martin	02/04
	Thomas F. O'Connor	11/04
	Leo J. Reilly	10/04
	William G. Shea	10/04
1944	Edward G. Boyle	10/04
	Francis A. Fiekers	08/04
	Philip C. Keaney	09/04
	Thomas J. O'Brien	08/04
1945	Joseph E. Bellissimo	10/04
	Mary Bartola Collins, SSND	11/02
	John V. Curry	09/04
	Francis P. Holland	07/04
	William F. Meara, Jr.	08/04
	Joseph J. O'Connor	11/03
	Robert J. Owens	09/04
	Kenneth H. Pollard	11/04
1947	John P. O'Donnell	07/01
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	James W. Wilson	11/04
1949	John J. Bent	11/04
	Francis X. Browne	10/04
	William H. Curtis	11/04
	Anna Marie Ford, OSF	10/04
	James P. Harvey	12/03
	Philip E. Kendrick, Jr.	11/04
	Paul M. Moulton	12/04
	Daniel J. O'Connor	12/01
	John E. Reilly	11/04
	Francis B. Roche	09/04
	Robert J. Sullivan	10/04
	John A. Welchin	10/04

1950	John E. Ahearn	11/04
	Wilson Case	11/04
	Joseph A. Cavaliere	
	Arthur M. Cesario	10/04
	Edward M. Cole	09/04
	Stanley A. Grzybinski	04/04
	George A. Hurley	07/04
	Nolan L. Noble	11/77
	Edward P. O'Connor	11/04
	John F. Richard	10/04
	William J. Scannell	11/04
	Mary King Supple	12/04
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	Daniel J. Doherty	10/04
	Robert V. Farley	12/04
	Frederick J. Mauriello	08/04
	Martin J. Molloy	10/04
	Frank W. Nadeau, Jr.	04/04
	Joseph D. Saccone	06/04
	John J. Sullivan	12/04
	Michael A. Taricano	08/04
	Francis F. Tully	08/04
1952	William H. Clancy	11/04
	Robert A. Freely	11/04
	John S. Howe	07/04
	Mary Quigley McLaughlin	11/04
1953	Joseph A. Colleran, Jr.	09/04
	Walter L. Cullinan	09/03
	Robert E. Irwin	12/04
	John P. McKinnon	12/04
	Eugene J. Sweeney	08/04
1954	Robert Donovan	10/04
	Joseph P. Dunne	12/04
	Kathryn A. Fox	10/04
	Mary Sheehan Riopel	10/04
1955	John W. Cronin, Jr.	04/02
	Ethel Long Magno	07/04
	Hugh J. Mayo	02/04
	Richard J. Rafferty	07/01
	Donald F. Roche	11/95
1956	John J. Craffey, Jr.	08/02
	Robert Driscoll	11/04
	Walter L. Flaherty	07/04
	Marie McCormick Jacobson	08/04
	Lawrence E. Kinsman	03/04
	Mary Phillippa McCarthy, SSND	11/04
	Richard M. Sanders	11/04
1957	Timothy R. Donoghue	09/04
	Mary Elizabeth Leahy, SP	11/04
	Lorraine Breau O'Brien	09/04
	Micheal J. Taliento	09/04
1958	John R. Duffy	11/03
	Louis F. Harrigan	07/04
	Nicholas J. O'Brien	11/04
	Robert L. Tegan	02/01
	Rev. Francis W. Vye, SJ	10/04
	John S. Weir	12/04
1959	Joseph A. Chelatti	07/00
	John J. Cronin	11/04
	James J. McCabe	08/00
	Kathleen Chabot McWha	09/04
	Robert A. Wilson	11/04
1960	Walter A. Bowes	05/04
	Nancy P. Corcoran	10/04
	Joseph F. Ford, Sr.	12/04

Margaret O'Sullivan Fultz	10/04
George T.S. Hwa.....	02/98
Joseph J. Kurpiel.....	09/97
Judith Robillard Malley.....	11/03
Donald C. McGonagle.....	08/02
F. Paul Quatromoni.....	09/04
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Guy L. Abbate.....	09/04
William E. Duncan	11/04
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Marjorie M. Milano.....	10/04
Geraldine H. Sullivan	10/04
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Gerald F. Dolan.....	12/03
Ronald P. Frank	10/03
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Jeremiah J. Donovan	10/04
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Thomas J. Cote.....	06/04
Richard M. Piemonte.....	04/04
Leo B. Reardon	12/04
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Albert D. Alberi.....	09/04
Robert W. Fiorelli.....	09/99
Paul R. Huard	11/04
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Anthony J. Parnello	11/04
Virginia M. Petralia.....	11/04
Robert J. Thomas	12/04
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J. David Casey, Jr.	11/04
James J. Faulkner.....	10/04
Frederick M. Linder	08/04
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Brother Justin Sweeny.....	11/04
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Daniel F. Downey.....	9/04
Mary McDonough Mallon.....	11/04
Virginia M. Simonalle.....	12/04
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Francine Joan Boehrner.....	05/04
Thomas H. Durand.....	09/04
Anne E. Kelly.....	11/04
Joseph P. Murphy.....	12/04
Thomas B. Powers	10/04
Harry H. Straus III	01/02
Mary Kennedy Turick.....	08/04
Bernard J. Walsh, Jr.....	04/04
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Thomas G. Lewis	09/04
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Jean Cantwell-Doherty	10/04
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William Dominic Lombardi, Jr.	01/04
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Angel E. Suarez.....	09/04
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John Stephen Boyd	11/04
Edward J. Gromala.....	11/04
Frederick S. MacFadgen	09/04
Nancy Imgram Russell.....	09/01
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Marian Vaughan Dibattiste	10/04
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Geraldine Dingivan	10/04
Josephine A. Dolan	12/04
John Maloney Foley	10/04

Carroll	John M. Ryan	10/04
	James J. Whalen	11/04
GA&S	Mary C. Austin, SSND	11/04
	Francine Joan Boehrner	05/04
	Lucille J. Cantin, CSC	05/04
	Paul R. Carini	09/04
	Frederick W. Clark	12/04
	Margaret Sullivan Crowley	11/04
	Eileen C. Curley	09/04
	Norma Claire De Mario	07/04
	Mary De Lourdes Doyle, CSJ	11/04
	Alice Maria Durnin, SSJ	10/04
	Wendy Eivers	12/04
	Maureen D. Goodwin	12/04
	Phyllis C. McCaigue	10/04
	Rev. James H. McElaney, SJ	11/04
	Robert William Mitchell	08/04
	Tamara S. Moissiy	08/00
	Frances M. O'Halloran	03/04
	Patricia F. Seward, SND	12/04
GSSW	Patrick F. Conley	12/04
	Armide L. Cotter	12/01
	Margaret E. Fuller	11/04
	Florence A. Hangach	09/04
	Evelyn C. Prince	09/04
	Richard C. Stratton	04/00
	Thomas Wentworth	05/01
LAW	Frank J. Amabile	11/04
	Edward I. Bailen	10/04
	Edmund A. Baldi	10/04
	Alfred E. Bollengier	11/04
	Harold D. Cunningham, Jr.	11/04
	James D. P. Farrell	11/04
	Robert S. Fuchs	12/04
	Paul D. Gallese	09/04
	Joseph A. Jachimczyk	12/04
	John S. Lennon	06/01
	John J. Lynch	11/03
	Cornelius F. Murphy	11/83
	Charles J. O'Connor	11/04
	Louis A. Perras	09/04
	Leonard J. Powers	09/04
	Paul D. Sheehy	10/04
	Richard L. Wilder	03/95
IGSOE	Kathleen J. Devin	12/04
	Rev. John J. Diskin, SJ	09/04
	Mary E. Donald	08/04
	Agnes G. Early	02/04
	Margaret M. Falconer	12/04
	Helen Margaret Feeney, CSJ	11/04
	John D. Goss	09/04
	Gerald P. Kierce	01/03
	Pauline M. Langelier	09/04
	Margaret Thompson	12/02
WCAS	Rev. William H. Nichols, SJ	05/01
Erratum	Genevieve A. McCulloch '79 was incorrectly listed as deceased in the Fall 2004 issue. We sincerely regret the error.	
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<i>In Memoriam is provided courtesy of the Office of Development, More Hall, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. It lists only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine.</i>		

Hello Fellow Alumni:

As you read this, our alumni year is three-quarters completed – as amazing as that seems to me. It has just flown by. It has been my distinct privilege to be able to personally meet and talk with so many of you at the various chapter events around the country. Your enthusiasm continues to be refreshing and invigorating to those of us in leadership positions of the Alumni Association.

The National Board of Directors and its Executive Committee have been exceptionally hard at work, representing you with distinction. One of the most important achievements of the past six months has been the establishment and refinement of election procedures for both new national directors and the officers of the association.

The Nominating Committee has put together a very diverse slate of candidates for the director positions that well represents the diversity of the Alumni Association itself. I want to personally thank and congratulate the committee for its hard work and professionalism. You will see the biographies of the excellent slate of nominees beginning on the next page. The postage-paid ballot is sewn into this issue and has a simple check-off format. This is your opportunity to elect those who will represent you for the next three years. We hope that you too will see the need for diversity in all its forms – gender, ethnicity, geography and graduating year. Fill it out as soon as you finish reading this message and get it in the mail today.

Based on the bylaw change that was passed last year, the officers of the association are now elected by the board itself. This change has been a welcome one. The leadership can now be selected on the basis of personal knowledge and face-to-face interactions at the board level. Our leaders are chosen based on proven skills and talents. This process will ensure a continuous grooming of future board leaders with proven abilities.

I am pleased to announce the names of those who have prevailed in these elections:

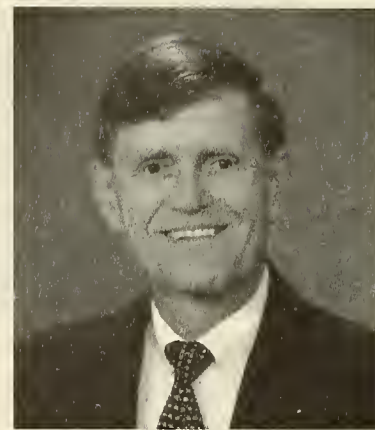
- President: Susan Power Gallagher NC '69, Belmont, MA
- Vice President/President-Elect: Kenneth Pierce '79, Cape Elizabeth, ME
- Treasurer: Julie Finora McAfee '93, Walnut Creek, CA
- Secretary: Thomas Flannery '81, Hingham, MA

Congratulations to all!

The memories of the Continental Tire Bowl victory over the University of North Carolina are still echoing at the Heights. I am sure it will make for a great re-match in Chapel Hill on November 5, 2005. We are also in the midst of a great Winter/Spring athletic season. The men's and women's basketball teams, as well as the men's hockey team, are all highly ranked at the national level. There will be many opportunities over the next few weeks for the BC faithful to cheer on the Eagles.

I hope many of you will plan to come to Reunion Weekend on June 2-5, 2005. You can access the Reunion Website (www.bc.edu/reunion) to get all the details about events of the weekend, hotel and dorm accommodations, campus maps and sign-up information. Through the Alumni Online Community, you can contact your friends and roommates to see who is coming. See you there!

Christopher (Kip) Doran '68
President, Boston College Alumni Association



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2005–06 ELECTION

Dear Boston College/Newton College Alumnus/a:

In the following pages of this magazine, you will see the names, faces and brief biographies of the candidates for the Boston College Alumni Association National Board of Directors. On behalf of the Nominating Committee that assembled this slate and the candidates who have offered their time and talent, we urge you to take a moment to cast your vote. The slate of candidates for this year represents broad diversity in terms of class year, gender, ethnicity and geographic location. The ballot is inserted in this magazine between pages 36 and 37 and must be returned to the Alumni Association by April 15, 2005. Only paper ballots will be accepted this year.

Perhaps you are a member of an anniversary class, belong to a BC chapter in your area, played a sport or were a member of a particular organization during your years on campus. It is likely that you share one of these interests or characteristics with one or more of the candidates.

Please vote. Too often alumni don't take advantage of the opportunity to cast their ballot in this important election. Recent elections have seen less than 5,000 votes cast, out of over 140,000 eligible alumni. Your vote will make a difference.

The Alumni Association is facing a number of issues in the years ahead as it seeks to serve an ever-growing and ever-expanding alumni population. There is a great need to bring the best alumni possible onto the board, but that can only be done with your vote. If you don't vote, you will be leaving the decisions of the next few years in the hands of others.

Show your support for your candidates and for the Alumni Association by casting your vote today.

Thomas F. Flannery '81
Chair, Nominating Committee

Dawn E. McNair '82
Chair-Elect, Nominating Committee

CANDIDATE BIOS



**Patricia Winkler
Browne NC '60**
Rockville, MD

The University needs to continue listening to alumni and responding in a positive way to their suggestions, and offering programs of educational value that serve both College and Church, which build on the Jesuit tradition of being men and women for others.

- BC affiliations: Newton Reunion Committee for the 40th and 45th Reunions; BC Alumni Admission Volunteer, 1986 to present; Newton Professorship Chair at BC Funding Committee, 1999-2000; Volunteer and Co-chair, Newton Spring Tea in Washington, DC, 1993 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: BC Alumni Achievement Award for Religion, 2002; Dame of Magistral Grace in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, 2000 to present; Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Fund-raiser, St. Elizabeth, Rockville, MD, eight years; Member, Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation, 2004 to present; Secretary and Second Vice President, Christ Child Society Board, National and DC Chapters, 47 years; Vice Chair, Kenwood Golf and Country Club Woman's Golf Association, 2004 to present.
- Sister-in-law of Barbara Browne Elliott '65.



Marie Chalmers '88
Watertown, MA

I believe the University currently works very hard to engage alumni support through various events. These should continue and be enhanced with feedback obtained through survey results. Alumni issues change and their opinions are critical to successful participation. The strength of the alumni network appeals to current and future students.

- BC affiliations: Member, Boston College Parents' Council, 2001 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: Board Member, Watertown Education Foundation, 2000 to present.
- Mother of Lindsay C. Chalmers '05 (expected); relative of Catherine Fichtner '74.



Victor F. Ciardello '65
Alexandria, VA
Director, Small
Business Technology
and Industrial Base,
Office of the Secretary
of Defense

Any major university with as large a geographic alumni reach as Boston College can only sustain long-term engagement through an effective combination of enhanced regional alumni interaction and a focused University outreach, one that stresses BC Jesuit traditions, social camaraderie, academic excellence, sportsmanship and community contribution.

- BC affiliations: Alumni Fund-raiser, DC Fides Committee, 2000-04; Charter Member, Boston College Club.
- Awards and other affiliations: Alumni Achievement Award for Public Service, 2003; Reunion Fund-raising Section Chair, Harvard Business School, 2004; Arts Commissioner, City of Alexandria, 2001 to present; Chair, Alexandria City Public Art Committee, 2003 to present; Chair, Theater Panel Grants, Alexandria, 2002 to present.
- Father of Alessandra Ciardello '96.

Each candidate was asked to answer the following question:

How can the University best engage all alumni to better serve the goals of Boston College?

2005-06 NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

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**Kathleen
Comerford '82**
Hingham, MA
Consultant, Fidelity
Investments

As alumni progress in their personal and professional lives, their relationship with Boston College is strengthened by continuous communication with the University. Alumni recognize the value of their educational and spiritual development at BC, which has given them the tools to contribute to society in the Jesuit tradition of giving.

- BC affiliations: Member, Alumni Achievement Awards Committee, 2003, 2004; Member, Second Helping Gala Committee, 2003, 2004; Adjunct Professor, BC Graduate School of Management, Marketing Department, 2003; Member, Boston College Club, 1998 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: Co-founder, Deloitte Consulting, Boston College Undergraduate Case Study Competition, Carroll School of Management, 2001, 2002; Mentor of the Year, Deloitte Consulting, Boston Office, 2001; Volunteer, Franciscan Children's Hospital, 2002; Volunteer, Greater Boston Food Bank, 2000, 2001; Teacher, Junior Achievement, 1997, 1998; Member, Notre Dame Academy, Mentoring Program, 2004.



**James A.C.
Destin '83**
New York, NY
President, Ken-May
Planning and
Development
Company

As a recognized and respected institution, Boston College has the opportunity to bridge the gap that exists between AHANA people/alumni and others in America. Boston College can engage others through dialogue and events by using the Christ model of love, understanding, compassion and acceptance of difference while maintaining its tradition.

- BC affiliations: Vice President/Treasurer, AHANA Alumni Council, 1981-85; Member, BC Alumni Selection Advisory Committee, 1981-85.
- Awards and other affiliations: Deacon, Abyssinian Baptist Church, Newark, NJ, 10 years; Mentor, 100 Black Men of America (New York Chapter), one year; Outstanding Service and Support, Black Child Development of New York, 1995 (affiliated for two years).
- Husband of Yvonne Kent-Destin; father of Kathryn Iris Destin.



**James W. Evans, Jr.
'76, MBA '81**
Foxboro, MA
VP/Principal
Consultant, J.H.
Albert International

The University can harness one of its great resources through a vibrant Alumni Association. This requires focusing on three things: (i) helping alumni understand BC's goals and its Jesuit tradition, (ii) providing avenues for alumni to shape BC's goals and (iii) programming opportunities for alumni participation and collaboration.

- BC affiliations: Co-chair, Second Helping Gala Committee, 2003-04; Event Co-chair, Second Helping Gala Committee, 2002-03; Member, Second Helping Gala Committee, 2004-05; Member, Spiritual Life Committee, BC Alumni Association, 2000 to present; Member, Fides Society, 1995 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: Member, chairman, Town of Foxboro (Board of Selectmen, Stadium Advisory Committee, Industrial Development Financing Authority, Council for Human Services, Audit Committee), 1986 to present; Member, Town of Foxboro Schools (Long-Range Planning Committees, FHS School Council, Principal Search Committee), 1989-2000; Eucharistic Minister, Lector, St. Mary's Parish, 1995 to present; Lay Person of the Year, Norfolk Teachers Association, 1995; Member, Board Member, Chair of various projects, Foxboro Jaycees, 1984 to present; Tournament Director, Foxboro Cup Memorial Day Soccer Tournament, 1995, 1996, 1997; Board member, member, coach, Foxboro Soccer Association, 1988-98; Chairman, director, Foxboro Human Services television auction, 1986-91.
- Husband of Patricia McNabb Evans '74; father of James W. Evans '02, Elizabeth M. Evans '04, Andrea K. Evans '07 (expected), and Christopher P. Evans; brother of Robert E. Evans '76; brother-in-law of Richard J. McNabb '76.

CANDIDATE BIOS



**Marybeth Flynn '75,
MBA '88**

Chestnut Hill, MA
Controller, Brown
Rudnick Berlack
Israels LLP

In this world we inhabit, there is a constant media storm vying for our attention. The challenge for the BC Alumni Association is first to distinguish ourselves from the competition and subsequently to let alumni know what's out there and how we can get involved, regardless of our zip code.

- BC affiliations: Member, Alumni Achievement Awards Committee, 2003, 2004.
- Awards and other affiliations: Regional Representative, Association of Legal Administrators Board, 2004-05; Co-chair, Association of Legal Administrators Seminar Committee, 2005; Member, Association of Legal Administrators Program Committee, 2003-04; Chair, NE Elite User Group, 2002 to present.
- Daughter of William J. Flynn '39; sister of William Jr. '67, Michael '69, Timothy '76, Chris '80 and Kelly Flynn '82; aunt of Jennifer Flynn JD '00; sister-in-law of Karen Jennings Flynn '79 and Madeleine Baillargeon Flynn MSW '72.



David T. Griffith '68

New Hartford, NY
President and CEO,
M. Griffith, Inc.
Financial Planning
and Investments

An idea that could appeal to local chapters is to start their own edition of Second Helping in their local community. Another idea would be to have Laetare Sunday Masses and breakfasts combined with a breakfast speaker in some of larger chapters.

- BC affiliations: Co-chair, Class of 1968 30th Reunion Gift Committee, 1997-98; Member, National Campaign Committee/Ever to Excel Campaign, 1998-2003; Co-chair, Class of 1968 35th Reunion Committee, 2002-03; Member, Shaw Society Steering Committee, 2002 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: Committee Member, NASD District 13, 1985-87; Board Chair, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Utica/Watertown, 1995-98; Trustee, St. Agnes Cemetery Association, 1985 to present; Board Member/Chair Operations Committee, Lifetime Healthcare Companies, 1999 to present.
- Husband of Janet N. Griffith; father of David K. Griffith '00, Kathryn N. Griffith '02 and Megan A. Griffith '06 (expected).



John W. Hwee '84
Brookline, MA
Financial Planner

Boston College should reach out to alumni by actively keeping them informed of available services and should encourage alumni to become more involved in the non-monetary donation of their time (e.g., mentoring, internships). Once alumni become reacquainted with BC, they will continue to remain involved in serving its Jesuit traditions.

- BC affiliations: President, AHANA Alumni Club, 1988-90; Member, AHANA Alumni Admission Committee; Member, AHANA Alumni Mentoring Program; Instructor, Boston College Kung-Fu/Karate Club, 1982 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: Member, St. Ignatius Parish, 1980 to present; Member, Boston Estate Planning Council; Award Recipient, President's Regional Honor Club/Million Dollar Man; Member/Award Recipient, Executive Council/Top Producer Program.
- Father of Brandon Thomas.

Each candidate was asked to answer the following question:

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Christopher J. Kubala '93, MBA '00
Charlotte, NC
Vice President, Bank of America

The Association needs a strong national network of chapters and programs, which will allow alumni to reconnect to BC in a "classroom on the road" setting. Having founded the Charlotte Chapter, I have a unique perspective on long-term chapter sustenance, which can be advantageous to the overall chapter program.

- BC affiliations: Founding Leader, Charlotte Chapter, Boston College Alumni Association, 1997 to present; Founding President, Circle K Club of Boston College, 1990-93; Recipient, St. Ignatius Award for Student Involvement, Boston College, 1992.
- Awards and other affiliations: Mentor, Third Grade, Ashley Park Elementary School, Charlotte, NC, 2004; Convener of Evangelization, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC, 2004; Guest Lecturer, Queens University of Charlotte, 2002 to present; Designated Chartered Financial Analyst, CFA Institute, 2002 to present.
- Husband of Megan Kelly Kubala; father of David Kubala and Liliana Kubala.



Franz Loeber '90
Weston, MA
Vice President, Trust Company of the West

I've learned through many years as a development volunteer to just ask! People like to be invited to participate. Invite their talent and treasure, and we'll get their time too! I travel extensively, and as a director will endeavor to meet with regional chapters to invite their active participation.

- BC affiliations: Decade Chair, President's Circle, five years; Auction Committee Co-chair, Second Helping Gala, four years; Chair, 15th Reunion Social Committee, one year; Member, 10th and 15th Reunion Gift Committee, five years/one year; Founding Member, Boston College Club, seven years; Member, Executive Committee, Fulton Professional Group, four years.
- Awards and other affiliations: St. Joseph's Prep Alumni Board of Governors, Philadelphia, PA, 18 years; Beverage Manager, Irish Festival, Dublin, OH, seven years; Award Recipient, Best of the Fest - Adult Volunteer, Irish Festival, Dublin, OH, 2002; Fourth Grade Catechist, St. John's, Wellesley, MA, one year; Registered Representative, NASD, 15 years.
- Husband of Marci Griffith Loeber; father of Paul Loeber.



John ("Jack") M. Looney '72
West Hartford, CT
Environmental Attorney

I believe that the best way to engage all alumni is through the expansion and continued support of regional alumni chapters. When BC alumni have the opportunity to join together locally and support their communities as "men and women for others," the University's goals are well served.

- BC affiliations: Member, Alumni Achievement Awards Committee, one year; Near Non-Resident Founding Member, Boston College Club, six years; Member, Hartford Chapter, Boston College Alumni Association, nine years; Member, Fides, five years; Member, Friends of the McMullen Museum of Art, three years.
- Awards and other affiliations: Member, Executive Committee, Environmental Law Section, Connecticut Bar Association, 15 years; Member, Parish Council, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, three years; Chairman, Christmas Wreath Fund-raiser, St. Timothy Middle School, one year.
- Husband of Kathleen Looney; father of Claire Looney.

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The Boston College Alumni Association National Board of Directors represents the interests of all alumni to the University, supports the mission of the Alumni Association by advising on programs and events that will best meet alumni needs and interests, and reflects the diversity of the alumni base in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, geographic location, and school affiliation. Your vote will help ensure that the board is representative of alumni interests, and of the true diversity of Boston College alumni.

For information on each of the candidates, please refer to pages 33-39 of the Winter 2005 *Boston College Magazine* or visit www.bc.edu/vote. All alumni are eligible to vote. Vote for a total of seven (7) candidates by placing an X in the box to the left of the candidates of your choice. Once complete, please fold, seal, and return to the Alumni Association. No postage is necessary. *Please note:* All ballots must be received in our offices by 5 P.M. E.D.T., April 15, 2005. Ballots received later than 5 P.M. E.D.T., April 15, 2005, will not be tabulated. Please allow adequate time for mailing.



Franz Loeber '90
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- ☐ Patricia Winkler Browne NC '60, Rockville, MD
- ☐ Marie Chalmers '88, Watertown, MA
- ☐ Victor F. Ciardello '65, Alexandria, VA
- ☐ Kathleen Comerford '82, Hingham, MA
- ☐ James A.C. Destin '83, New York, NY
- ☐ James W. Evans, Jr. '76, MBA '81, Foxboro, MA
- ☐ Marybeth Flynn '75, MBA '88, Chestnut Hill, MA
- ☐ David T. Griffith '68, New Hartford, NY
- ☐ John W. Hwee '84, Brookline, MA
- ☐ Christopher J. Kubala '93, MBA '00, Charlotte, NC
- ☐ Franz Loeber '90, Weston, MA
- ☐ John ("Jack") M. Looney '72, West Hartford, CT
- ☐ Kevin J. McLaughlin '78, Pound Ridge, NY
- ☐ Kimberly A. O'Neil '97, South Boston, MA
- ☐ Stephen E. Prostanto '79, Rye, NY
- ☐ Susan Budassi Sheehy '69, Dorchester, MA
- ☐ Jeffrey P. Somers '65, JD '68, Needham, MA
- ☐ Andres A. Tejada '88, Everett, MA
- ☐ David Telep '96, Stamford, CT
- ☐ Brian D. Walters '92, Pittsburgh, PA



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CANDIDATE BIOS



Kevin J. McLaughlin '78
Pound Ridge, NY
First Vice President,
Wealth Management
Advisor, Merrill
Lynch & Co.

The building blocks are in place. As the Alumni Association reaches out, so must alumni, and I would urge alumni to engage by going to www.bc.edu/alumni. Within the past few years the number and diversity of alumni offerings have grown dramatically. Future challenges ahead are great, as are the opportunities.

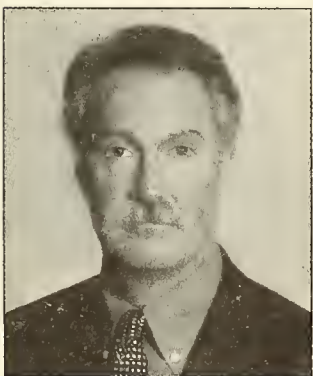
- BC affiliations: President, Boston College Club of New York City, 1993-94; Member, Executive Committee, BC Wall Street Council; Founding member, Boston College Club, Boston.
- Other affiliations: Planned Giving/Development Committee, Xavier High School, New York; Coordinator, Merrill Lynch community outreach activities; Mentor, Merrill Lynch new advisors.
- Husband of Jean McLaughlin.



Kimberly A. O'Neil '97
South Boston, MA
Financial and
Economic Consulting
Operations Manager,
Huron Consulting
Group

We must reconnect with alumni in order to maintain the traditions of Boston College — excellence in academic reputation, athletic success, spirituality and community service. To accomplish this goal, we need to engage all 140,000 alumni in local and national University events and pass the torch of pride to future alumni.

- BC affiliations: Co-leader, Boston Chapter, Boston College Alumni Association, 2004 to present; Member, Boston Chapter, Boston College Alumni Association, 2003 to present; Member, Boston College Young Alumni Club, 1997-2003; Young Executive Member, Boston College Club, 2000 to present; Member, Fides Patron Society, 2000 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: Member, Academic and Career Development Committee, Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, 2002 to present; Catering Co-chair, Second Helping Gala Committee, 2003 to present; Member, Second Helping Gala Committee, 2002; Catering Co-chair, Party for a Plate, 2002-2003; Member, Party for a Plate, 2001; Eucharistic Minister, St. Ignatius Parish, 1994-2002; Parishioner, St. Ignatius Parish, 1993 to present; Member, Board of Trustees, West Broadway Condo Trust, 2004 to present.



Stephen E. Prozano '79
Rye, NY
President/Chief
Operating Officer,
Atlantic Trust Private
Wealth Management

The University must focus on the diverse needs, interests and abilities of alumni. The alumni will respond to interesting and continually enhanced communications (i.e., Internet, print, events) that also articulate the vision, strategy and needs of the University. Resources available to alumni chapters must be enhanced and effectively coordinated.

- BC affiliations: Leader, Westchester County Chapter, Boston College Alumni Association, 2002 to present; Member, Executive Committee, Wall Street Council, 1995 to present; Member, BC Parents' Council, 2004 to present; Co-chair, 25th Year Reunion Committee, 2004; Partner, Center for Retirement Research, 2004 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: Member, American Bar Association, 1982 to present; Member, Connecticut Bar Association, 1982 to present; Member, Massachusetts Bar Association, 1983 to present; Member, American Institute of CPAs, 1985 to present; Member, Massachusetts Society of CPAs, 1985 to present.
- Brother of Loren Prozano Hayden '82; father of Taryn Elizabeth Prozano '08 (expected).

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**Susan Budassi
Sheehy '69**

Dorchester, MA
Admissions Liaison
and Clinical Nurse
Scientist, Shepherd
(Spinal Cord) Center

The University can best engage all alumni to better serve its goals by assuring that everyone in our alumni family is kept informed via the BC Magazine, e-mail, mailings, our Website and on-campus and regional activities. Alumni should be aware of opportunities to become active in the BC community.

- BC affiliations: Alumni Admissions Counselor, 1983 to present; Class Marshall, Class of 1969, 25th Reunion, 1994; Committee Member, Class of 1969, 35th Reunion, 2004; Co-chair, School of Nursing Reunion Gift Committee, 2004; University Fellow, School of Nursing Doctoral Program, 2002 to present; Convocation Speaker, Connell School of Nursing, 2004; Guest Lecturer, Connell School of Nursing, 2004; Donor, Fides Society, Flynn Fund, School of Nursing.
- Awards and other affiliations: Alumni Achievement Award for Health, 1993; BC Connell School of Nursing Outstanding Doctoral Student, 2004; Member, Board of Directors, Emergency Nurses' Association, 1984-96; President, Emergency Nurses' Association, 1995; Emergency Nurses' Association Lifetime Achievement Award, 1998; Fellow, American Academy of Nursing, 1994 to present; Commencement Speaker, Boston University Sargent College, 2003; Chairperson, New England Spinal Cord Initiative, 2002-04; Principal Investigator, Christopher Reeve Foundation, 2004; Recipient, Quality of Life Grant, 2004; Recipient, Pfeiffer Foundation Grant, 2005.
- Mother of John Patrick Sheehy.



**Jeffrey P.
Somers '65, JD '68**
Needham, MA
Partner, Morse,
Barnes-Brown &
Pendleton, PC

We should expand the local chapter base, promote programs such as Front Row, which share the rich intellectual and spiritual offerings available on campus, and diversify reunion offerings to provide something for everyone. In all endeavors, we should emphasize BC's goals of sharing knowledge and seeking excellence and religious commitment.

- BC affiliations: Fides Class Agent, Class of 1965, 18+ years; Member, Alumni Achievement Awards Committee, 2003-04; Member, 35th and 40th Reunion Gift Committees; Member, Class Reunion Committee, from 5th year on.
- Awards and other affiliations: Lector, St. Bartholomew Parish, Needham, MA, 20+ years; Co-chair (with spouse), St. Bartholomew Parish 50th Anniversary Committee, 2002-03; Trustee, Beth-Israel Deaconess Hospital, Needham, MA, 10 years; Chair, Beth-Israel Deaconess Hospital, Needham, MA, one year; Frequent Author and Lecturer on Business Law, several years.
- Husband of Mary M. Somers; father of Jeffrey Somers, Jr., Maura Fitzgerald '91 and Matthew Somers.



Andres A. Tejada '88
Everett, MA
Senior Tax/Finance
Professional

The actual engagement between BC and its prospective alumni has to be an ongoing process from the time the students enter the institution. Instill in them that BC is there for them today and hope that the values they are taught will foster a sense of community, respect and responsibility.

- BC affiliations: Employee, Work Study AHANA Office, 1984-87; Officer-Treasurer, BC Alumni Council, 1990-94; Volunteer, Admissions Office, 1984-95; Volunteer, Gift Fund Telethons, 1984-88, 2003.
- Awards and other affiliations: Recipient, John Dinneen, SJ, Hispanic Alumni Community Service Award, 1999; Recipient, Distinguished Alumni Award, 25th Anniversary UBP, RI 1991; Member, Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting, 2004; Member, Latino Professional Network, 2003.
- Husband of Lariza Tejada; father of Andres and Jasmin Tejada.

CANDIDATE BIOS



David Telep '96
Stamford, CT
Human Resources
Manager, GE
Commercial Finance

Ever to Excel. Having learned and lived our Boston College motto while at Chestnut Hill, it is equally important to take that very same spirit forward as an alumnus/a. Our global alumni need to be engaged with a wide demographic of events and programs that span cultures and geographies.

- BC affiliations: Leader, Fairfield County Chapter, Boston College Alumni Association, 2003 to present; Communications Chair, Fairfield County Chapter, 2002-03; Steering Committee Member, Fairfield County Chapter, 2001-02; Flynn Fund Member and Football Season ticket holder, 1996 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: Lead Finance Recruiter/Interviewer, General Electric BC Recruiting Team, 2001 to present; Assistant Campus Coordinator, General Electric BC Recruiting Team, 2000 to present; Assistant Treasurer, North Stamford Congregational Church, 2000 to present; Stewardship Committee Member, North Stamford Congregational Church, 1999 to present; Volunteer, Domus Foundation, 1998 to present; Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, 2001-04; Volunteer and Event Coordinator, Building with Books, 1996-2003; Volunteer, Christmas In April, 1996-2001.
- Husband of Amy (Schoeffield) Telep '96.



Brian D. Walters '92
Pittsburgh, PA
Partner/Attorney,
Fried, Kane,
Walters, et al

A more intensified effort is needed to coordinate the outreach initiative of the three BC entities that have the most meaningful contact with alumni — the Alumni Association, the Office of Development and the Office of Admissions. All three groups should work in concert to reinforce BC's core strategic objectives.

- BC affiliations: Leader, Western Pennsylvania Chapter, Boston College Alumni Association, 1998 to present; Member, Western Pennsylvania Chapter, 1992 to present.
- Awards and other affiliations: Vice-chairman, Board of Directors, Pittsburgh Cares, 2002 to present; President-elect, Pennsylvania Defense Institute, 1997 to present; Member, Advisory Board, Seton-LaSalle High School, 2002 to present, Executive Council, Workers' Compensation Section, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2000 to present.
- Husband of Suzanne Mercein Walters '92; father of Sarah Elizabeth and Timothy Mercein Walters.

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Reunion 2005 • June 2-5

Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 2

5-8 p.m.

Golden Eagle Welcome Dinner

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Newton College Coffee & Conversation

Friday, June 3

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Golden Eagle Investiture

10-10:50 a.m.

Super Seminar: The Carroll School - Recent Progress and Future Plans

2:30-4 p.m.

Super Seminar: The Global Reach of the Lynch School of Education

10-10:50 a.m.

Super Seminar: Sports Huddle

3-3:50 p.m.

Super Seminar: BC Then & Now

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The President's Convocation: A Celebration of Alumni Loyalty

4-4:50 p.m.

Super Seminar: The Art of Film - The Evolution of Film Studies at Boston College

12-2 p.m.

Newton College Reunion Lunch

4-4:50 p.m.

Super Seminar: Health for the Ages, presented by the William F. Connell School of Nursing

12:45 p.m.

Parade of Classes

6-8 p.m.

Café Cabernet

1-3 p.m.

Festival on the Green

8 p.m. to midnight

A Night Under the Stars

1-3 p.m.

Golden Eagle Society Luncheon

Saturday, June 4

9-9:50 a.m.

Super Seminar: College of Arts & Sciences - From Boston's College to National University: The Rise and Fall of Liberal Education on Chestnut Hill

3-4 p.m.

Super Seminar: The Church in the 21st Century

9-9:50 a.m.

Super Seminar: The Admissions Challenge

5-6 p.m.

Memorial Mass

6:30-11:30 p.m.

Class Parties

Sunday, June 5

10-11 a.m.

Newton College Memorial Mass

10:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Boston Duck Tour/Hard Rock Café Lunch

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Newton College Farewell Brunch

1-6 p.m.

World Series Champs - The Boston Red Sox!

For more information, go to www.bc.edu/reunion

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DID YOU KNOW...

- A five-year, \$77.7-million renovation to Higgins Hall provides an additional 100,000 square feet for teaching and research laboratories, giving the University what physics department chair Kevin Bedell describes as the ability "to do high-end science," such as the recent invention of a microscopic antenna that captures visible light, which may help to increase the efficiency of solar energy cells.

- Last year, the Boston College Libraries allocated \$1.6 million for digital materials to help scholars conduct research on campus, making available to students and faculty materials that previously existed only in foreign archives.

- BC's average annual expenditure for the Merkert Chemistry Center approaches \$725,000, due in part to renovations that support faculty research. One project transformed a 1,200-square-foot space into a laser laboratory for Professor Torsten Fiebig, who explores biomolecular structure and function.

- BC invests \$400,000 annually in its Undergraduate Faculty Research Fellows program, which provides students with valuable hands-on research experience while paying them a small wage. The 10-year-old program is so popular that demand from faculty and students typically exceeds the program's funds.



Kathleen A. (Fruin) Corbet
New Canaan, Connecticut
Class of 1982, Carroll School of Management
President, Standard & Poor's
Chair, Trustee Development Committee
University Trustee

FAVORITE MEMORY OF BC?

"What stands out is the feeling that BC was the beginning of a journey—one that would shape my life far beyond what it had been during my first 18 years. I remember moving away from home for the first time and becoming part of this new community, where I began to establish myself. I broadened my knowledge in the academic areas I was keen on, worked hard, found lifelong friendships, and learned life lessons that have stayed with me to this day."

I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO BC FOR...

"Something that I probably wouldn't have appreciated as much when I graduated: the opportunity to reconnect with the University after 20 years. Every time I have a chance to meet with students today, I am struck by how bright and energetic they are, and how passionately they feel about BC's Jesuit ideals. I'm grateful for the opportunity to give back to this University that has done so much for me personally, but also is contributing its much-needed leadership to important issues worldwide."

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ater in the South End. On stage, the actors negotiate around two floor-to-ceiling steel I-beams, about one foot square. Designers find new ways to incorporate the pillars in every set. They've been palm trees, bookcases, a phone booth; last year, in Speakeasy's hit play, *Bat Boy*, the lead actor hung upside down from a "roost" suspended between them. Green-cushioned theater seats surround the stage on three sides, and if you sit near the wings, says Daigneault, the beams, located to the left and right of center stage, partially block the action. The theater, which is owned by the Boston Center for the Arts and leased to Speakeasy at a modest charge, poses an additional challenge in the winter. Speakeasy's marketing manager Jim Torres points out the old space heaters suspended from the ceiling. They run prior to performances, then are shut off just before show time. "I call them 'french fry lights,'" he says, turning on the gleaming orange elements with the flick of a wall switch. "Anyone who has sat under them knows why."

Vincent Lancisi's 150-seat theater, called the Everyman, is in downtown Baltimore, about a block from the Amtrak station, and it occupies a former bowling alley. "If you were to look under the flooring," Lancisi says, "you'd find the old wooden lanes." His windowless office—a room he spends more time in than he'd like—is cluttered with mementos from plays he has directed: a leg cast from the 1998 production of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, a poster of Everyman's first performance, in 1990, *The Runner Stumbles* by Milan Stitt (about a priest who falls in love with a nun). Everyman premiered in an old, gutted church without heat. An anonymous donor's \$15,000 covered the rent, lighting equipment, sound equipment, carpentry, marketing, costumes, props, designers, cast, crew, insurance, and the script rights and royalties. Lancisi leased a propane heater to thaw the room before each performance. Eventually, he resorted to draping blankets over the folding chairs. By intermission, patrons were snug under the woolen wraps; by the play's end, Lancisi beams, most were still there.

Both Daigneault and Lancisi began their companies in order to produce a single play. (For Daigneault, it was the musical comedy *Is There Life After High School?*) But each quickly developed a keen vision for the larger enterprise. For Daigneault, the mission was to bring vital, cutting-edge theater to Boston. He wanted Speakeasy to be a theater of firsts, not only producing Boston premiers, but the unconventional work that more established Boston playhouses like the Huntington or the American Repertory Theatre might shy away from.

Lancisi decided to produce plays with wider appeal, hoping to make theater accessible and affordable to the Baltimore community at large. As an undergraduate, he had spent a year studying in England, where he discovered the Everyman Theatre in Liverpool. Its mission: to make even

the plays of kings speak to a general audience. "Theater should not be something people save only for special occasions," says Lancisi, pulling a brochure of his company from his desk drawer. "When they decide to go to the theater, most people open the paper, find the biggest ad for the biggest show, plunk down \$75 each, and by the time they pay for a sitter, dinner, parking, they've blown \$300. How often can a young couple afford that?"

At Everyman, subscribers can see shows for as little as \$10; walk-in tickets range from \$13 to \$28, depending on the day. In addition, the general public is invited to one pay-as-you-can preview of every production, and several Baltimore public high schools come regularly, free of charge, to special matinees that are followed by "talk back" sessions with the cast. For many Baltimore students, Everyman is their first theater experience; if their school stays with Everyman's program, they will see five productions a year, for all four years of school.

Funding for this program used to come from the Baltimore Public Schools through a federal grant. Now the money must be raised by Everyman. Expenses for the program approach \$150,000 a year—more than 10 percent of Everyman's total operating budget. Corporate and foundation gifts have helped, but every year, says Lancisi, the theater must dip into its operating costs.

Lancisi spends more time fundraising than he does as a stage director. He directs two or three shows out of Everyman's five-play season; he works at development 365 days a year. "Even if we sold every seat to every performance of every production," he notes on the Everyman website, "ticket sales still would not meet the cost of producing the season." Over 60 percent of the theater's revenue comes from contributions. The company has a full-time development director and a special development council within its board. As a fundraiser, Lancisi shines, says Steven Leon, Everyman's managing director. "He loves telling people why he does this."

WITH ANNUAL budgets of \$675,000 and \$1.2 million respectively, Daigneault and Lancisi have built their companies into successful nonprofit theaters. Each now runs a five-play season and maintains a large list of subscribers (900 at Speakeasy, 3,600 at Everyman). They've gained loyal full- and part-time staffs—including artistic directors, production managers, business managers, and marketing directors.

But for the first six or so years, each ran his company as a one-man agency, juggling business and artistic concerns as the theater's only regular employee. Neither drew much—if any—salary; Daigneault temped at a financial service firm and taught in an after-school program, and Lancisi waited tables, to make ends meet. For years, their theaters relied on committed volunteers: actors, stage managers, set builders, techies. "There was a time I'd literally stand on the sidewalk with flyers, begging people to come in 15 minutes before



Vincent Lancisi

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VINCENT LANCISI '84, FOUNDER OF EVERYMAN THEATRE

the curtain,” recalls Daigneault. “I had no budget to hire someone for publicity.”

Today, both companies are recognized as significant mid-sized theaters in their cities. Everyman is one of the few regional theaters to keep its own resident company—a group of nine professional actors, directors, and designers who work on at least three productions a season. Speakeasy, smaller and younger by two years, has recently gained access to a more prominent venue, the Calderwood Pavilion. Run by the Boston Center for the Arts and Boston’s Huntington Theatre, the new South End facility contains two state-of-the-art theaters, two large rehearsal rooms, and a bi-level, modern lobby. Speakeasy and four other resident companies have rental privileges. For both Daigneault and Lancisi, the

guarantee of a consistent space for productions has been key. “One of the big challenges is branding your company,” Daigneault explains. “People associate a company with a location—they don’t necessarily pay attention to the words ‘So-and-So Presents’ on the front of a program.” They won’t chase you all over the city, he says. “And they don’t write a lot of checks to ‘homeless’ organizations.”

Neither Speakeasy nor Everyman has ridden smoothly through a decade marked by drastic cuts in corporate and government arts funding. Several years ago, for instance, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a reliable Speakeasy contributor, saw its allotment from the state slashed by 65 percent. A comparable cut in Speakeasy’s support followed.

At one point, the ebbing tide almost pulled Lancisi’s



MAIN ENTRANCE, UCBT

“We want the space to be filled with people like we once were: young, broke, and full of dreams.”

AMY POEHLER '93, COFOUNDER OF THE UPRIGHT CITIZENS BRIGADE THEATRE

Everyman Theatre under. In 1994, three months after the four-year-old company moved into its new space in the renovated bowling alley, Everyman found itself \$18,000 in debt after the season's first play. The rest of the season was canceled, and the five-member board met to address the bleak future. Lancisi still winces when he mentions the crisis. Recalling the factors that led to it, he pulls at his goatee: There was the high cost of renovation and the accompanying maintenance of the new building; a delayed \$10,000 donation; and a very low audience turnout owing to the fact that few Baltimoreans knew where to find the theater in its new location. “We played some nights to 10 people,” said Lancisi. “We decided if there were ever more people on stage than in the audience, we’d cancel the performance.” It happened on more than one occasion.

Lancisi described the board's hours of painful deliberation. At one point, someone pulled a bottle of Scotch from a brown paper bag, anticipating a sad toast to the theater's end. But by the time they reached the bottom of the bottle, Lancisi and the board had decided to stick it out. Productions were put on hold for a year while the board recruited new fundraisers, and within a year—to even Lancisi's surprise—Everyman offered its first full season of plays.

NOT EVERY new theater faces the same uphill battle. The Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre (UCBT), cofounded by Amy Poehler '93, has been in New York City just six years, and on weekends, a mostly under-30 crowd lines up around the block three hours before show time. Many are regulars who attend as faithfully as others might a cult film like *The*

Rocky Horror Picture Show. They know the theater managers and interns, which seats have the best views and which ones wobble, and refer to performers by first name.

Poehler became a celebrity when she joined the cast of *Saturday Night Live* (SNL) in 2002. She cofounded UCBT in 1999 with Matt Besser, Matt Walsh, and Ian Roberts, fellow members of the Upright Citizens Brigade, the comedy group that the four had formed a few years earlier while performing at Chicago's famed ImprovOlympic. The troupe had left Chicago for New York, and in 1998 their act had earned them a three-season television stint on the Comedy Central channel (the show was titled *Upright Citizens' Brigade*). Ruining the absence of "Chicago-style" long-form improv in the city, they used their reputation and income from Comedy Central to start their own for-profit theater.

"For-profit might be a bit of an overstatement," said Poehler in a telephone interview from her home. Though the theater is now a \$1 million operation, "no one gets paid to perform here, and the little bit we make we put back into the theater," she said. "We want the space to be filled with people like we once were: young, broke, and full of dreams."

Poehler and her cofounders carved their first theater out of a pink-walled storefront that had once been a burlesque club, in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. Their new and improved space is a dank basement theater just a few blocks away, beneath a Gristedes supermarket and next door to a McDonald's. "We keep asking McDonald's not to roll their trash cans through the halls when we're performing," says Alex Sidtis, the 26-year-old UCBT general manager, "but they always do it anyway."

Ticket prices at UCBT never climb above \$10, and, at late-night shows, a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon sells for \$2. The house seats 150—more on busy nights when patrons sit crowded up front on the floor. To generate enough revenue to sustain itself, UCBT runs two to five shows per night seven days a week; offers a touring company (with some of the theater's best talent) that can be hired for and tailored to special events on college campuses, business functions, and festivals; and, for a \$300 tuition, holds improv classes for aspiring comics. The theater is staffed by six full-time employees and 30-plus interns—all of whom work for free classes, acting experience, and a chance to enter the world of comedy.

UCBT has become the mecca of East Coast improv. Its shows attract television talent scouts from SNL, *The Daily Show*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, and the *Late Show with David Letterman*. On Sunday nights at 9:30, UCBT becomes a playground for television comedy writers and stars who drop by for unannounced guest appearances. SNL's Tina Fey, Horatio Sanz, Rachel Dratch, and Seth Meyer often show up for the improv showcase, along with UCBT's cofounders.

"This is, by far, the thing I am most proud of in my professional life," says Poehler of UCBT, "much more than anything I've done in television or film. People do this

truly for the love of it. And that's what makes it satisfying."

On a recent Sunday afternoon, the audience is sparse. Only about 20 seats are occupied for a "graduation showcase" by an improv class of beginning comics. When the house lights go down, a voice booms over the loudspeaker—at a higher decibel, even, than the Guns N' Roses that has been blasting since the audience came in. "How many of you here are friends or family?" the voice asks. Everyone in the audience shoots up a hand. "How many are here because you lost a bet?" All hands rise again—this time more ardently—and a heckler calls out, "You shoulda seen the other guy." As the lights and music go down, the students walk on stage, one by one, each with a well-practiced, "off-the-cuff" comedic offering. The next hour will see a fledgling attempt to execute The Harold, the long-form improvisation technique UCBT imported from Chicago, developed by the revered mentor of improv, the late Del Close. ("It needed a name, so Del gave it one," said UCBT's manager, Sidtis.) The performers ask the audience to suggest a topic, then in pairs they improvise scenes, one after another, until they've created a veritable play. For beginners, that means a series of underdeveloped characters, unconnected scenes, and lots of dead air. When the professionals perform it later that evening, it will mean 90 minutes of unblemished hilarity.

IMPROV, LIKE live theater's most formidable competitors—television, movies, and video games—provides the fast-paced, low-priced amusement that easily draws a young audience. Both Daigneault and Lancisi know the bottom line: They too need to attract young audiences, or in a generation there will be no one to buy tickets. Both have tried—Lancisi through his educational outreach efforts and Daigneault through his progressive programming.

Small theaters have a special role to play in advancing a theater tradition in America. In terms of developing new art, says Ed Siegel, theater critic for the *Boston Globe*, "Americans can no longer look to Broadway, or, in many cases, even larger regional theaters, to discover and produce new work. Plays that make their mark often start on the small scale, and it is the regional theaters who do that risky work." And, Siegel points out, it is often the small theaters that people can afford to attend.

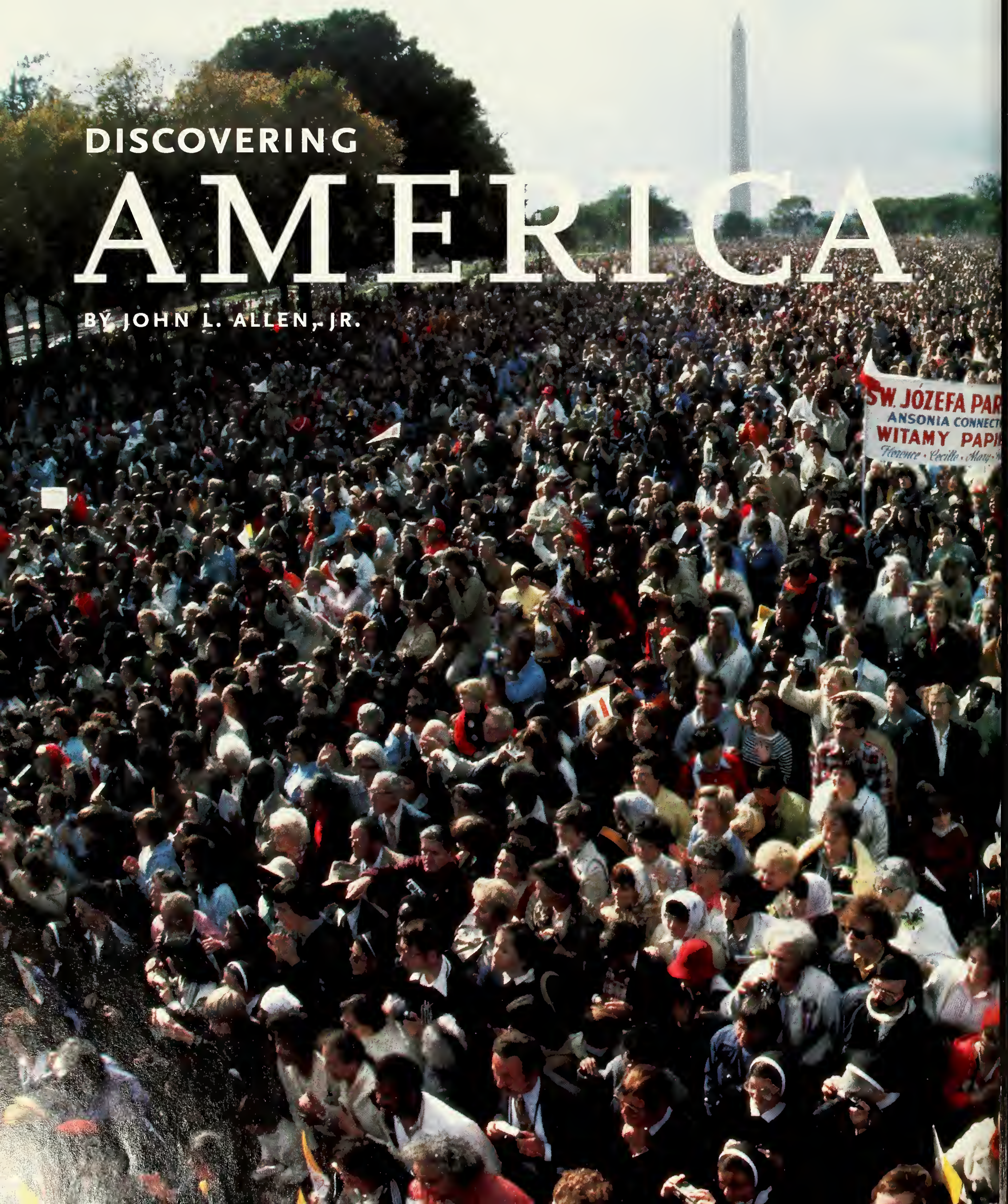
Ajemian, Veprek, and Salerno, Daigneault, Lancisi, and Poehler can attest to the demands and risks of starting a small theater. When asked if he would do it all over again, Lancisi answered this way: "The best advice I ever got was from a professor in the BC theater department, the late J. Paul Marcoux. 'Before you choose a career in theater,' he warned, 'try to find any other occupation in the world. If you can find one that makes you happy, stick with it. If you can't, then welcome aboard. Prepare yourself for very rough seas.'"

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THE VATICAN VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES INCORPORATES RESPECT, INDIFFERENCE, FEAR

DISCOVERING AMERICA

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I AM WHAT THE ITALIANS CALL A VATICANISTA. MY FULL-TIME work is to track proceedings on the 108-acre island of ecclesiastical life in the heart of Rome. This means that when in Rome I spend time almost every day in one Vatican office or another. I also take Vatican officials and others to lunch and dinner. The great amount of Roman work that gets done over meals is one of the blessings of my job.

When the pope moves, I move. I fly on the papal airplane as part of the Vatican press corps. In the five years or so I've been doing this work, I've been to some 25 countries, including Greece, Syria, Malta, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Slovakia. And six to eight times a year I go up to the fourth floor of the Apostolic Palace, where the pope lives and works, and watch him receive a visiting dignitary. I've been there each of the three times that President George W. Bush has visited; but I've also been there for the visits by the

prime ministers of Singapore, Hungary, and Romania. The pope does not give interviews or hold press conferences. Because of his physical condition, access to him is limited. These ceremonies are an opportunity to take his temperature, in a sense.

In addition, I attend a round of congresses and plenary assemblies and symposia and book presentations and embassy parties. These sometimes are interesting and many times are not, but they afford the opportunity to form the personal contacts that are the lifeblood of the Vatican beat.

My job is to translate what I discover about the Vatican into words that will make sense to a primarily American audience. Given how the Vatican sees America and how we view the Vatican, this isn't always easy.

BEFORE I describe how the Vatican sees America, I want to set out five premises about Vatican culture.

First, at a literal level, to talk about "what the Vatican thinks" is almost meaningless, because the Vatican does not have a unified intellect and will. It is a complex bureaucracy, housing many different points of view, hopes, dreams, and temperaments.

A brief story will illustrate: Whenever the pope arrives in a foreign country, he is typically greeted twice—once by the president or prime minister (the Vatican enjoys diplomatic relations with 172 nations and international organizations), and then, usually in a less formal way, by the head of the local church. In some cases, that means the papal nuncio, the Vatican's ambassador to the host country. On a recent trip to a country I will not name, the pope was welcomed by a nuncio, a kindly old Italian monsignor with a reputation as something of a windbag.

Being in the press pool, I was seated in a row of seats across the aisle from the Vatican entourage. I could tell that the cardinal nearest me was growing increasingly frustrated as the nuncio's oration rolled on. The veins were throbbing on his forehead.

I leaned toward him and said, "Cardinal, what do you think?" There was a nanosecond of hesitation on his part. Then looking up at our monsignor friend, the cardinal leaned closer to me and sotto voce said, "You realize that some Italian village is missing its idiot."

Only from afar does the Vatican look like a Stepford environment.

Officials in the Holy See are united by their commitment to the doctrinal teachings of the Church and to the pope's ministry; but there are multiple ways to understand, realize, and apply those commitments.

A second premise is that although we Americans naturally assume that the rest of the world spends most of its time entertaining the same concerns we do, the truth is otherwise. American Catholics, all 67 million, represent six percent of the global Catholic population. That means that of the world's 1.1 billion Catholics, 94 percent are not American, and *that* means that American issues are not what Vatican officials are usually thinking about when they rise in the morning. They have a bigger, broader, more complex universal Church in mind.

In September 2000, for instance, the Vatican issued *Dominus Iesus*, a document on religious pluralism that prompted headlines in the United States because it reaffirmed the ontological superiority of Roman Catholicism vis-à-vis other world religions. I attended a conference of seminary rectors in Rome immediately afterward. A rector from India stood up and said, "You know, this document is a disaster. It has destroyed our dialogue with the Hindus. They don't understand what they perceive to be the intolerant thrust of it." Another rector, from Russia, leapt up and said, "No, no, this document has saved our dialogue with the Russian Orthodox—they have an even higher Christology than we do, and this is the first Vatican document in 40 years that they can get excited about." Officials in the Holy See have to think about how something will play

in Peru and Peoria. It is a maddeningly complex, difficult business.

Mass in Washington, D.C., on October 7, 1979, during John Paul II's first U.S. visit

Third premise: There is a serious cultural gap between mainstream America and the Holy See. For one example, each possesses a different sense of time. The United States is a microwave culture. When we have a problem, anything less than immediate action smacks to us of delay and denial. The Holy See, on the other hand, is a crockpot culture, with a working assumption that something that simmers for a long period of time is often going to taste better, and the right response to a problem is to spend considerable time thinking it through.

I'm not suggesting that one response is right and the other wrong. But I think that if Americans don't appreciate this difference, we will misread the Holy See. That has been the case in much of our public discourse about the way the Vatican responded, or didn't respond, to the clerical sex abuse crises.

From January 6, 2002, when the first abuse stories appeared in the *Boston Globe*, to March 22, the Vatican made no statement. And I think many Americans drew the conclusion that Church officials in Rome either weren't paying attention or were in denial. What I heard from Vatican officials, however, was, "This is a very complex problem, and we're simply not ready to say anything." Whether that ap-

proach was helpful or not, I leave to others to judge, but it is important for Americans to understand the Vatican perspective.

My fourth premise is that, image to the contrary, the Catholic Church is one of the most decentralized institutions on earth. Ninety-nine percent of decisions that matter in the Church are *not* made in Rome. Whenever an American bishop says something controversial, there is a tendency in the United States to immediately try to figure out who in Rome pulled his strings. The truth is that Rome probably heard about it after we did.

About 20 years ago, Peter Drucker, the management consultant, concluded that the three most efficient organizations in history were General Motors, the 19th-century Prussian Army, and the Catholic Church. He put the Church on his list because it manages to hold a worldwide organization together with an exceptionally small central headquarters. For the 1.1 billion Catholics, there are about 1,700 people working in the Roman Curia. As Drucker pointed out, if the same ratio were applied to our government in Washington, D.C., there would be 500 federal employees working in the capital, as opposed to roughly 500,000.

The final premise I'd like to set out has to do with the Vatican atmosphere. To be honest, I did not go to Rome with many illusions about what I might find there. The Italians say that Rome is such a spiritual city because so many people have lost their faith in it. But as I've come to know Vatican officials, what has struck me repeatedly is that, along with the very human sorts of power politics and careerist maneuvers that one finds in any institution, there is genuine idealism and a strong sense of service. Most officials in the Holy See most of the time are acting on behalf of what they perceive to be the good of the Church.

SO, HOW DOES the Vatican view America? I'll start by repeating some positive expressions that I often hear.

First, there is enormous respect in the Holy See for the administrative and managerial competence of the United States, of Americans generally, and perforce, of American Catholics. It's a running joke in the Vatican that whenever a dicastery—a department—is bogged down, whether due to personnel problems or financial challenges, the default solution is to bring in an American to fix it.

The secretariat of state was one of the first offices to get computers because an American, Cardinal Justin Regale (then a monsignor), arranged it. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, when the Vatican experienced consecutive years of serious deficits, another American, Cardinal Edmund Szoka, then of Detroit, was brought in to be chief financial officer. Cardinal Szoka turned the situation around, and the Vatican remained in the black for several years, until the world economy created new problems.

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May 23, 2004, Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston: protest over a parish closing



In a way, the strong respect that Rome has for American competence was one of the problems in getting the Vatican to understand the seriousness of the sex abuse crisis. Time and again, I heard officials say, "I can't believe this is happening in the United States." Rome simply assumed that the reports it was hearing were exaggerated.

There is also great respect in the Holy See for what Vatican observers regard as the vitality and dynamism of American Catholicism, especially parish life. With Europeans occupying about half the places in the College of Cardinals, the Holy See is still a European institution, and its frame of reference is European Catholicism. And generally speaking, European parishes are simply sacramental filling stations. They are where Catholics go for Mass, weddings, baptisms, and burials; but they don't reflect the larger sense of parish life as it has been developed in the United States. It is rare to find a parish youth group, or young adult ministry, or soup kitchen, or Bible study group—all activities that seem second nature in American Catholicism.

Cardinal Roger Mahoney, of Los Angeles, tells of asking Pope John Paul II years ago why he was so supportive of evangelical movements like the Focolarini and Sant'Egidio and Opus Dei. And the pope told Mahoney that in Europe and many other parts of the world, parishes did not evangelize, and these groups filled the gap. In America, the pope said, it is different. He was convinced that the only country in the world that had fully realized the Second Vatican Council's vision for revitalizing parish life was the United States. And that view is common throughout the Holy See.

There is also great respect in the Holy See for what is perceived to be the enduring religiosity of American culture—the fact that one can mention God freely in public conversation; that, indeed, it seems obligatory in U.S. political discourse to invoke the name of God.

By contrast, Europeans proved incapable of acknowledging Christianity as one of the roots of their culture in the recent draft of a constitution for the European Union. At one stage in the framing, the draft cited the Greco-Roman period and the Enlightenment, but not Christianity. As it now stands, the constitution's preamble refers only to Europe's "cultural, religious, and humanist inheritance."

What the E.U.'s constitutional debate reflected, of course, is the deep current of anticlericalism in Europe, and the climate of weak religious practice that has resulted. When many Vatican officials view American culture's underlying religiosity and the continuing high levels of religious practice, it is with admiration.

There is also much appreciation for the basic good-heartedness of Americans. Archbishop Giovanni Lajolo, the Vatican's foreign minister, was recently briefed by Latin American ambassadors to the Vatican on what they saw as a rising tide of anti-American opinion in their countries,



World Youth Day, 1993, Denver: a carnival mood pervaded at the pope's visit

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owing in part to the Iraq war. Lajolo took the occasion to remind them that while they may have policy differences with the United States, it is also true that in times of famine, war, or other mass human suffering, it is most often the United States that rushes in with aid.

And the Vatican is quite conscious of American financial generosity toward the Holy See. Contrary to popular impression, the Vatican is a spartan operation. Its annual operating budget is about \$277 million. The University of Notre Dame's annual operating budget, by comparison, is \$700 million. The Vatican's endowment ("patrimony" is the term of art) is about \$770 million. By contrast, the University of Notre Dame's endowment is \$3.1 billion.

Most readers are now thinking: What about the artwork—the *Pietà*, the Raphael frescoes, and so on? These treasures are literally priceless, but they appear on the Vatican books with a value of one euro. According to the statutes of the Vatican City State, they may never be sold or borrowed against.

The Holy See is indeed in need of financial support from the Catholic world, and American Catholics usually supply about 25 percent of the annual operating budget. It did not escape the attention of people in the Vatican that in 2002,

during the white-hot period of the sex abuse crisis in the United States, American Catholic giving to the Holy See rose, as sectors of the Catholic community stepped up to help a Church they perceived to be in crisis.

ALONG WITH THESE, the Vatican also holds strong negative impressions of the United States. As do other Europeans, Vatican officials see Americans as on the whole arrogant, pushy, and given to making their nation's way without asking permission of the rest of the world, a reckless, shoot-first-ask-questions-later culture. These perceptions have ramifications at the ecclesiastical level. I know many officials in the Holy See who would say that the American bishops brought themselves trouble by quickly sitting down in Dallas in 2002 to work out a new policy for handling accusations of clerical sexual abuse—a policy that Rome would turn down and recraft.

Another stock European assumption is that “Show me the money” is the American credo. And so, in the initial stages of the sex abuse crisis, when Vatican officials learned of the costly legal settlements and jury awards, they assumed that, in some cases, this was a shakedown of the Church.

Many in the Vatican also believe that American culture, shaped by pragmatism, scientific positivism, and capitalism, is at its core hostile to Roman Catholicism. They believe that the radical individualism that is inherent in our culture is antithetical to Catholic anthropology and social ethics—especially the appreciation of community.

Sometimes, over a third glass of wine at dinner, I hear Vatican officials wonder aloud whether American Catholics fully understand the tension that is implied in their two affiliations. Echoing Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, who once said “American Catholics are denominationally Catholic but culturally Protestant,” a common assumption in the Holy See is that American Catholics are, at heart, congregationalists. And it is true that the Protestant stamp on American culture does tend to give U.S. Catholics a stronger sense of their affiliation with the local church and a weaker sense of their affiliation with the universal Church.

This translates into a certain American resentment when the universal Church, or its organ of government, the Holy See, “interferes” on the American scene. Yet from an ecclesiological point of view, when Rome steps into a dispute, that's not interference, but Rome playing its proper role.

Rome also perceives a dualistic streak in the American psyche that derives from Calvinism, a messianic notion of the elect, of us and them. Many in the Vatican see this manifested not only in the way America conducts itself in the world—there aren't many fans of current U.S. foreign policy in the Vatican—but also in the way American Catholics have addressed the clerical sex abuse crisis.

Vatican officials have asked me rhetorically, Where does this punitive impulse in the American Church—this desire

to drive every last abuser priest out of ministry—come from? Isn't there a possibility of compassion? Isn't there a prospect of rehabilitation for a man who, having done something wrong 30 years ago, has expressed his regret and has not offended since? Complex issues are entangled in these questions, of course. But those observers do perceive an element of puritanical hysteria in American culture, and that is troubling to a Church whose central doctrines include the idea of conversion—the path that is possible from sin through forgiveness to redemption.

And finally, Vatican officials fear that American Catholics lack historical memory and are therefore blind to the potential effects of their actions and impulses. This concern surfaced in the context of the sexual abuse crisis and proposals from America for the kind of democratization of authority in the Church that would, at least in the imaginations of some in the Vatican, weaken the power of bishops. In response, officials of the Holy See, whose perspective is deeply historical, observe that the health of the Church has depended upon the strength of its episcopacy.

For example, the ninth and 10th centuries saw infamous clerical sexual abuse scandals. And much of the reason was that large chunks of episcopal authority had been assumed by monastic communities and lay lords, depriving bishops of their ability to manage clerics.

In the 16th century, when the Church appointed a large number of absentee bishops, largely as a way of collecting diocesan revenues, a result, again, was an unsupervised clergy and a burgeoning of abuses, including the sale of indulgences, which led, by a fairly short route, to the Reformation.

But Vatican officials don't have to look that far back. In Soviet satellite states, it was a stock government strategy to disable the connection between the local church and Rome. Governments did this by fostering lay councils and clergy councils and assigning them authority for Church administration, finance, and personnel. And the councils, of course, reported to the state. In China today, lay councils remain an important part of the government's strategy for exercising authority over the Church, and some Chinese bishops have been imprisoned for 30 years for refusing to acquiesce to the state's plan.

I'm not saying that a strengthened lay role in the American Church is a bad idea. I'm simply trying to explain the instinctive ambivalence of some Vatican officials as they think their way through this issue. These officials will ask, Do Americans fully appreciate history's lessons?

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CARDINAL RULE

Don't bet on who the next pope will be

Because John Paul II has appointed so many of the cardinals who will elect his successor (118 out of 122 eligible to vote), it is commonly assumed that the next pope will be a man much like him. But Colleges of Cardinals have rarely sought to clone the pope that appointed them.

In 1958, for example, 49 of 51 cardinals had been appointed by the austere Pius XII, and they gave us the affable John XXIII. The third-longest serving pope was Leo XIII (serving 1878–1903), who launched modern Catholic social doctrine and embraced secular democracy. And the cardinals he appointed chose Pius X, who was one of the most conservative, some would say reactionary, popes in modern history.

The cardinals will have two major goals when they gather to elect the next pope. They will look to remedy the defects of the current pontificate, and they will try to anticipate the challenges of the next one (almost always a prescription for change). Historians call this the pendulum dynamic. Italians say that you always follow a fat pope with a thin one.

So, what do the present cardinals think is the main deficiency of this pontificate? Of the 122 cardinals eligible to vote, I've interviewed probably 65. This pope has been, in their view, a terrific missionary and evangelist, and a great thinker, but a fairly mediocre governor. The internal business of the Church has, in some ways, been allowed to drift—not just because of illness in recent years, but because that is the pope's style. He's a delegator. There are large areas of the internal life of the Church that he has never personally engaged. For instance, he has not made a single decision about liturgy under his own initiative in the 26 years of his pontificate. There is a sense in the Vatican that the next pope is going to have to play a more active role in internal Church governance.



Cardinal Angelo Scola

As for new challenges, most cardinals think that the relationship with Islam is going to be consequential. Very few issues, they believe, are going to have more impact on the world than whether or not the West and Islam are able to work out some kind of *modus vivendi*. Some would say that we need to reach out to Muslim moderates and solve the problems of justice, such as the Palestinian question. Others would say that we need to practice tough love: If it's okay for the Saudi government to build a \$65 million mosque in Rome, then maybe it ought to be okay for Christians to bring Bibles into Saudi Arabia, an act that is currently illegal.

A second matter on the cardinals' minds is a cluster of bioethical issues—cloning, stem cell research, and the new technologies of reproduction. The expectation for the next pope is not that he will resolve those issues, but that he will lead a conversation about them. He has to be active intellectually and comfortable talking with experts in many fields.

Where all this leads remains anyone's guess. The trash heap of Church history is littered with the carcasses of journalists who tried to predict the next pope. But one man who gets mentioned a great deal is Cardinal Angelo Scola of Venice.

Scola is 63, the founder of the Italian version of *Communio*, a theological journal somewhat to the right of center. He is a genuine intellectual, but appears also to have done an impressive job as rector of Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, which had serious problems when he took over its leadership. He's charismatic and charming, well-traveled and multilingual. And he is an optimist. He believes that the Church still has the capacity to enter the cultural argument and win. Typically in Rome, it is the optimists who win elections.

John L. Allen, Jr.

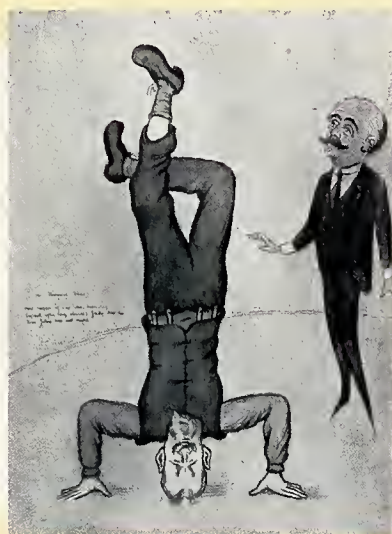
MR. SHAW REGRETS

Three years ago, Boston College acquired what the Sunday Times of London called "one of the world's most important collections" of materials by, about, and belonging to the Irish Nobel Prize-winning dramatist George Bernard Shaw.

Curator David Horn sorted through the 3,400 items, and the John J. Burns Library has put some of the contents on public display. Manuscripts, photographs, cartoons, and letters reveal a cranky vegetarian literary dynamo who offered civilization a new alphabet (and was rejected) and mass-produced an arsenal of postcards to counter his admiring public. The exhibit, from the Samuel N. Freedman collection, runs until March 31, 2005.

Mr. Bernard Shaw regrets that he is unable to undertake any extra literary work at present. His time is filled up for months to come.

4 Whitehall Court (130)
London S.W. 1.



Mr. Bernard [sic] implores his friends and readers not to celebrate his birthdays nor even to mention them to him. It is easy to write one letter or send one birthday cake; but the arrival of hundreds of them together is a calamity that is not the less dreaded because it occurs only once a year.

Acknowledgment of such unwelcome letters and gifts is not possible.

Ayot Saint Lawrence,
Welwyn, Herts.



Mr. Bernard Shaw, though he is always glad to receive interesting letters or books, seldom has time to acknowledge them; for his correspondence has increased to such an extent that he must either give up writing private letters or give up writing anything else. Under the circumstances he hopes that writers of unanswered letters and unthanked friendly donors of books and other presents will forgive him.

Ayot Saint Lawrence, Welwyn,
Herts.



Please do not ask Mr. Bernard Shaw for money. He has not enough to help the large number of his readers who are in urgent need of it. He can write for you: he cannot finance you.

4 Whitehall Court, London, S.W. 1.



Mr Bernard Shaw is often asked to contribute prefaces to unpublished works. Sometimes the applicants add that a few words will be sufficient. This obliges him to call attention to the fact that his prefaces owe their value in the literary market to the established expectation of book purchasers that they will prove substantial and important works in themselves. The disappointment of this expectation in a single instance would destroy that value. A request for a preface by him is therefore a request for a gift of some months of hard professional work. When this is appreciated it will be seen that even with the best disposition towards his correspondents it is not possible for Mr. Shaw to oblige them in this particular manner.

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Mr. Bernard Shaw's readers and the spectators at performances of his plays number many thousands. The little time remaining to him at his age is fully occupied with his literary work and the business it involves; and war taxation has set narrow limits to his financial resources. He has therefore to print the following intimations.

He cannot deal with individual grievances and requests for money, nor for autographs and photographs. He cannot finance schools and churches. His donations go to undenominational public bodies, and his charities to the Royal Society of Literature.

He cannot engage in private correspondence, nor read long letters.

He cannot advise literary beginners nor read their unpublished works. They had better study The Writers' Year Book (or other books of reference), and join the Society of Authors as associates.

He cannot discuss his published views in private letters.

He cannot receive visitors at his private residence except from [sic] his intimate friends.

He will not send Messages.

He begs to be excused accordingly.

Ayot Saint Lawrence,
Welwyn, Herts.



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HOME ECONOMICS

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION HAS PROPOSED TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS WITHIN 10 YEARS.

RESEARCH BY THE AUTHOR SHOWS HOW AND WHY IT CAN BE DONE.

BY DENNIS P. CULHANE, Ph.D. '90



HOMELESS ADULTS IN AMERICA CAN BE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES.*

About 80 percent of homeless adults are *transitionally homeless*. According to a study my colleagues and I did in Philadelphia in the late 1990s, they are likely to be homeless only once over a three-year period, and only for an average of three weeks at a time. They leave the shelter system and don't come back—and with good reason.

For most people who will stay in a shelter tonight, the very first thing on their minds is making sure that they won't be there again tomorrow. In most shelters around the country, one has to register at seven o'clock in the evening for a bed, often standing in line for hours. Lights out at nine, and then it's up and out at six or seven in the morning, to spend the rest of the day meeting out a meager existence in public spaces. Living in a public shelter is a humiliating experience, and nearly everyone who lands there does everything in his or her power to get out as fast

*I won't be discussing homeless families here, whose need for affordable housing is less distinguishable from the affordable housing problems affecting low-income families nationwide.

as possible. We don't know where all of these people eventually end up once they leave homelessness, though many do work and most have families. But for a million or so men and women each year, thankfully, a stay in one of our nation's homeless shelters is a onetime and short-term experience.

The remaining two groups of homeless adults—the episodically and chronically homeless—account for roughly 10 percent each of the homeless adults who enter our country's shelters. The *episodic homeless* move in and out of the shelter system four or five times over the course of a three-year period, averaging a total of 90 days; they stay for 10 or 15 days at a time, then leave for five months at a time, before returning. Their pattern of shelter use is seasonal: Their presence grows in the winter, indicating that some of them are probably living outdoors, on the streets or in makeshift dwellings. They may also have alternative places to stay, which they access when they can (family, friends, partners, even hospitals) or when they are forced to (prisons, jails).

By contrast, when the *chronically homeless* come into the shelter system, they tend to stay for very long periods of time; some never leave. In Philadelphia, they stay in shelters for close to a year, on average. In New York City, the average is 750 consecutive days. This small subset of the poor amounts to between 150,000 and 200,000 individuals nationwide—and it is for them that the Bush administration and longtime advocates for the homeless have proposed (with surprising accord) a permanent and cost-beneficial solution to homelessness.

Emergency shelters were never designed as permanent housing. Yet half of the adult shelter population on any given night consists of individuals who are chronically homeless, and who effectively live in shelters. In Philadelphia, that is about 800 to 1,000 people. In New York City, it's about 3,000 people.

The chronically homeless are a very expensive group. In

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shelter costs alone, New York spends nearly \$100 million a year on its long-term shelter population. Nationally, I estimate that as much as \$2 billion may be spent providing "permanent housing"—in the form of shelter cots—to chronically homeless people, at a cost of about \$15,000 per cot per year.

What do we know about the chronically homeless? Using data from Veterans Affairs and Medicaid, we see at least one

clear trend: Ascending from transitional to episodic to chronic, the proportion of homeless who suffer from severe mental illness or serious medical conditions increases dramatically. Nearly all of the chronically homeless have some disability, be it a physical handicap, or a mental health or substance abuse problem. The chronic homeless also tend to be older.

DIFFERENT HOMELESS populations require different policies. The transitionally homeless, for instance, possess some individual and social resources that enable them to get out of the shelters and to stay out. Programs and policies aimed at them should facilitate as quickly as possible their relocation and stabilization within the community—where most of them are returning anyway. These programs should provide emergency cash assistance, relocation services, and, when necessary, help in getting a job or job training.

The episodic homeless, many of whom are on the street, need more deliberate and targeted engagement by treatment professionals, and a less intimidating environment than that which exists in most large shelters. Success has been achieved around the country in getting many people living on the streets into so-called "safe havens," which unlike regular shelters don't require sobriety, and provide some privacy in a small and unstructured setting. The programs are kept small to provide a sense of security; rules are kept to a minimum to reduce the fear of being harassed or thrown out by shelter "guards"; and support is provided by treatment professionals, as a trusting relationship is formed. Once individuals are stabilized in safe havens, most are ready and able to move to a permanent housing placement where supportive services are provided—in some cases, to form a community of tenants from among individuals who once struggled with homelessness.

This has been a very effective strategy for reducing the street population in several cities. In Philadelphia, for instance, police and outreach workers conduct a one-night count of the city's street population each month. At one point in 1998, there were 850 people on the street. By August 2003, after the expansion of safe havens and an aggressive outreach effort, officials estimate that the number of people on the street dropped to below 125.

The solution to chronic homelessness among people in shelters, on the other hand, is direct placement in permanent supportive housing. Most of the chronically homeless are stable, even if they are disabled. They are capable of stable residency, as their long and continuous stays in shelters—some of the least habitable housing anywhere—

demonstrates. Policies should promote a view of this population, first and foremost, as potential long-term housing tenants. With access to supportive services, usually in the form of teams that include case managers, nurses, and social workers, they can live independently. Such "supportive housing" programs, which exist already to varying degrees throughout the country, have shown great success in resolving homelessness among people long thought to be the toughest population to serve. In New York City, chronically homeless individuals have been placed in converted hotels and in market-rate apartments scattered around the city; in Phoenix, they have been moved into clustered apartments; and new projects in San Francisco include master leases on apartment buildings by the city's Department of Public Health.

In some places, tenants are asked to sign a contract with the housing agency to make sure that they remain engaged in the social services network, or at least to ensure that if things start to unravel, there's a network set up to catch them. Many of the residents like to have this safety net. In such programs around the country, success rates at housing the chronically homeless have been high, with 80 percent retention after two years. Of the 20 percent who do leave, half fall out because of behavioral or legal problems, including a small subset who return to homelessness; half move on to better or alternative permanent housing.

There are sound economic reasons to focus on the chronically homeless. They are the most expensive users not just of emergency shelter, but also of other public systems—in particular, health care and corrections. My colleagues and I recently evaluated a supportive housing initiative in New York City—the New York/New York Agreement begun in 1989—the largest such program in the country. We found the cost of placing the chronically homeless in permanent housing to be offset, or quite nearly so, by the savings that resulted in other social service systems.

ANYONE WHO visited New York City in the late 1980s will remember that homeless people were nearly everywhere. There were 750 people living in one park in lower Manhattan. Virtually every subway station harbored them. Entire new authorities were created around Times Square and Penn Station to deal with the hundreds of people living in and around the train stations. The issue of homelessness consistently polled as the number one concern of the public. And it consistently polled as the number one concern of local businesses, which feared the negative impact on tourism.

In 1989, the mayor and the governor, David Dinkins and Mario Cuomo, struck a deal to build a substantial amount of housing for homeless people with mental illness. Each put up half of \$220 million in capital, and each agreed to come up with a certain portion of the \$65 million annual operating costs for the housing and the services. Between 1990 and 1995, they built some 3,600 units of housing targeted specif-

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ically for people who were both homeless and mentally ill.

A parallel event occurred about that time which doesn't usually get as much attention, but which was just as important to reducing homelessness in New York City. In 1992, advocates for people with AIDS successfully sued the city, arguing that AIDS sufferers should not have to live in a homeless shelter when they become indigent. The case established a right that exists nowhere else in the country: If you lose your home in New York City and have AIDS, the city must find emergency private housing for you within 24 hours—as well as some form of subsidized housing for the long term. This ruling eventually led to nearly 27,000 New Yorkers with AIDS living in subsidized housing, many of whom were homeless or nearly so.

It's become an urban legend that after his election as mayor in 1993, Rudolph Giuliani dramatically reduced the homeless street population in New York City by arresting the squeegee men (the ragtag men who swarmed cars at stoplights to wash windows and collect a fee—and who, as it happens, were mostly not homeless). In fact, it was this huge investment in housing, particularly housing for people with mental illness or AIDS, that made the real difference.

Advocates for the homeless have been claiming for years—taking out full-page ads in the *New York Times* and elsewhere—that it is cheaper to give the homeless a home than to put them in a shelter or hospital or prison. But they didn't have empirical evidence to support that conviction. My colleagues and I set out to learn if it was true, by studying the economic effects of the New York/New York Agreement.

To begin with, we identified every individual who had been placed in housing through the city/state agreement, from 1989 to 1997, which totaled 4,679 people. In addition,

we collected data on shelter users whose demographic characteristics and homeless histories matched the housing recipients (they formed our control group). We also collected data from Veterans Affairs, state and municipal hospitals, Medicaid, and the state and city departments of corrections on the people who stayed in their systems. We spent four-and-a-half years gaining access to these records. Our final study population—cases and controls—consisted of nearly 10,000 homeless individuals.

We found that the annual cost of being chronically homeless in New York City, in the absence of housing, was nearly \$40,500 per year. In a typical two-year period, the average homeless person with mental illness stayed four-and-a-half months in a shelter, two months in a state psychiatric hospital, two weeks in a public hospital, a month in a private hospital paid by Medicaid (in addition to two months' worth of outpatient visits), a week in a VA hospital, 10 days in prison, and 10 days in jail.

About 85 percent of the actual dollar costs incurred per year—that is, nearly \$35,000—were for days spent in hospitals. Prison and jail costs amounted to about \$1,000 (only 12 percent of the homeless spent any time at all in prison or jail).

And what happened when the chronically homeless were placed in housing? They reduced their use of those other publicly funded systems by just over \$16,200 a year, on average. They were hospitalized less frequently, and they got arrested less frequently. When they *were* hospitalized or incarcerated, they didn't stay as long, because they had somewhere to be discharged to.

The one area of service where costs went up was outpatient Medicaid, and that was expected. People weren't going to the emergency room or checking into the hospital for routine medical care when they could obtain outpatient care and recuperate in their own homes. In all, about 85 percent of the savings that accompanied housing placements came in health care, from reduced time in hospitals.

And what was the actual cost of the housing? Taking into consideration the debt service, operating expenses, and the cost of supportive services, my colleagues and I estimated an annual per unit cost of \$17,200. Subtract from that the roughly \$16,200 in savings that resulted from placement in such a unit, and the net cost of providing housing turned out to be roughly \$1,000 per housing unit.

Put another way, of the \$65 million that the city and state of New York spend each year on this program, they get \$59 million back in terms of reduced use of public services. And these estimates of savings are in fact low. My colleagues and I did not include every publicly funded service that the chronically homeless would have otherwise used—including some proportion of the federally funded homeless services that are provided in shelters but are not tracked by the government agencies we surveyed. We did not include, as econ-

omists would have, estimates of the costs to crime victims that might be avoided, or the reduced costs incurred by the courts or police who must deal with the effects of street homelessness. And we didn't put a dollar value on the benefits associated with the fact that some chronically homeless people who receive supportive housing eventually end up getting a job, paying taxes, and reconnecting with their families and their children.

THERE IS ample reason to be optimistic about the New York/New York model as a way of solving chronic homelessness. If we house the 150,000 to 200,000 people who are chronically homeless in the country today, we can be fairly sure they will not be replaced by large numbers of new homeless in a few years' time. Why? First of all, as noted above, supportive housing vacates at a rate of 20 percent every two years. With 150,000 total units, that would translate into 30,000 vacancies available for new people each year.

Furthermore, the homeless population is aging. Looking at data from New York City, for instance, we find that the average age of the adult homeless population in 1987 was 28—a figure that came as a shock at the time, because most people's image of the homeless was based on the elderly men on "Skid Row" during the 1950s and 1960s. Since the 1980s, however, the homeless population has continued to age—at a rate of more than 10 months per year. The average age now is about 42. Close to 70 percent of the adult homeless are persons born in the years between 1950 and 1964—otherwise known as the Baby Boom era.

In short, a large component of the homelessness problem among single adults is in fact a "cohort" problem, in the demographic sense of the word. Twenty-five years before this generation would bear down on the Social Security and Medicare systems, poor young-adult Baby Boomers, including some who suffered from severe mental illness, busted through the country's social safety nets, which were ill-prepared for them.

We now face a stark choice. In 15 years, we can have a chronically homeless population consisting mainly of elderly people, just as several decades ago we had the skid row homeless (another birth cohort, whose roots were in the Great Depression). Or we can build a housing capacity for these people now and maintain that capacity for the generations of dependent adults who will follow.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

On Saturday, November 20, a dozen seasoned students of the U.S. presidency—former White House correspondents, presidential biographers, past advisors to presidents—met before the cameras of C-Span on the stage of Boston College’s Robsham Theater for conversation. Their topic was “The Shifting Fortunes of Presidential Reputations,” and more pointedly, the relationship between American presidents and the press; the effect of a president’s moral character on an administration; and presidents and their enemies. The event was sponsored by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. A sampler from the afternoon’s discussion follows.

★ PRESIDENTS AND THE PRESS ★

KATHLEEN DALTON

T. R. OPENED THE DOOR

I’m doing historical therapy here today. It’s important to remember that we’ve been through polarized times before and the republic survived. A very partisan press existed early on in American history. One party would have a newspaper and the other party would have a newspaper, and they would produce news that was Whig or Democrat. So, to people today who are upset about Fox News: The dynamic is not new. In the 19th century, citizens got lots of news from their own political party, from their neighbors, and from other sources.

The watchdog press is a creature of more recent times. Not until the late 1890s, when reporters started to pay attention to whom Grover Cleveland was visiting and who went to the White House, was the White House covered systematically. Theodore Roosevelt created the first press-room in the White House. He saw a bunch of reporters standing outside freezing, and he said, “Come on in.” T.R. tried to make friends with the press. That’s not to say that he didn’t punish them if they wrote nasty stories about his children chasing turkeys and massacring animals or roller-skating through the East Room and ruining the floor. For

that, he would prohibit a reporter from the White House.

T.R. enjoyed mixing it up with reporters, but he had favorites. He’d invite them in for exclusive interviews while he was being shaved, and would go on hikes with them and make them his buddies—as long as they wrote the story he liked.

Franklin Roosevelt, for his part, gave over 900 press conferences. A master of politics, he was very concerned about shifting American public opinion in order to be ready to fight Hitler, because America was *not* ready and was inclined toward not fighting after World War I. He got the syndicated columnist Dorothy Thompson to write interventionist stories and encouraged her to tell the truth about Hitler and Mussolini on the radio.

So there have been times when presidents were not in an adversarial relationship with the press, and times when presidents punished their critics and tried to manipulate the news.

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While we can be fairly certain about who the president is from day to day, the identification of a journalist is not so easy. Journalists have appeared as pamphleteers, documentarians, White House correspondents, talk show pundits, and now bloggers on the Internet. In the modern era, the press has been viewed as the gatekeeper of our attention, which has been a challenge for presidents. But that has recently been shifting in this Internet, cable TV age.

In order to survive in a talk show culture with hundreds if not thousands of competing voices, journalists must become celebrities in their own right. And if a journalist has to be popular, then he or she is unlikely to ask the tough questions, challenge popular lies, or try to focus our attention on the bad news in Sudan or Iraq.

The journalistic ideal of dispassionate fact-gathering was always impossible to fulfill, though worthy of the attempt. But there are few incentives in this balkanized media land-

scape for fact-based news to continue. The professional journalists have lost their clout. The power has shifted to the president and his allies.

So what are the implications? In his first term, George W. Bush had fewer press conferences by far than his recent predecessors of both parties. *The New York Times*, which is arguably the paper of record, was denied interviews with the president and was barred from the vice president's plane. A *Washington Post* reporter was similarly blackballed when he wrote that the president was not telling the truth. Journalists who serve as cheerleaders for the government and fail to raise serious questions that hold the government accountable are gaining in influence.

Ellen Hume is the director of the Center on Media and Society at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She reported from Washington for the Los Angeles Times (1977–83) and covered the White House for the Wall Street Journal (1983–88).

TOM WICKER

“HOW DARE YOU ASK OUR PRESIDENT”

I hate to be the skunk at the garden party, but I don't think there's anything new about the press not doing what it ought to do as a so-called watchdog.

I first started covering the White House in 1961. *The New York Times* did not issue an apologia, as it should have, for the fact that we didn't know anything about President Kennedy's sex life. Neither did I. *The New York Times* did not issue an apologia, as it should have, for not reporting anything of any importance about President Kennedy's health. Neither did I. *The Washington Post* didn't either. *The New York Times* did not issue any kind of an apology in 1944 for not covering at all one of the great scandals in American history—that President Roosevelt was too sick to run, and he knew it.

I think the problem, more often than not, is that the press has tended to be a handout press. And then something happens like Watergate or the war in Vietnam or the war in Iraq, and everybody says, “Oh, gee, I'm sorry. I wish I had done my job,” and it changes.

The president has the upper hand all the time unless he chooses not to exercise it, because the president occupies a

particular position in our society—not unlike the queen of England. At the height of Kennedy's popularity, I'd stand up in the front row at his news conference and ask a mildly hostile question, and I'd get a sharp answer. And in the next few days I would get a lot of mail: How dare you ask our president a question like that? I'm telling you, if you want to take issue with the president, you'd better be prepared to hear about it from the public.

It's fine in the textbooks to be the watchdog, and that's something that publishers pay lip service to. But you can stand up against the president and all of a sudden you're out there alone and your editor calls you in. Newspaper editors don't like to stand alone.

So if you're depending on the press to hold anyone's feet to the fire, you're leaning on a weak reed. The press just doesn't do that kind of thing, or very rarely does.

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The University of Maryland conducted a large poll of self-identified Bush supporters, shortly before the 2004 election. The researchers found that more than 50 percent of them believed that George W. Bush supported the Kyoto protocols. Something like 70 percent of them believed that he had signed the treaty banning land mines. More than 70 percent believed that either weapons of mass destruction had been found in Iraq or were about to be made. In other words, a year and more of reporting went out the window.

FactCheck.org, which is run by the Annenberg Center at the University of Pennsylvania, tallied up all of the distortions by both presidential candidates. John Kerry made his share. But nothing to compare to the systematic falsehoods that came out of the mouths of George Bush and Dick Cheney. And how did the press report those? It just passed them on.

The press has two roles—to play the mirror and to play the lamp. And increasingly, it's played the mirror: "Here's

what the White House says. Here's what the candidate says." Not the lamp: "Here's the real truth."

It is a sign of the times that our two papers of record, the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*, had to run front page mea culpas about their coverage of the lead-in to the Iraq war, about their failure to rebut and to find alternative sources of information to set in a parenthesis of skepticism the claims the Bush administration was making. In the case of the *Times*, their reporter had the same source about Iraqi weapons who was misleading the Pentagon, an ally of the anti-Hussein Ahmed Chalabi. This was a failure of our central institutions—as if the artillery of the press were turned around and fired at us, not at power.

It is partly the tradition of objectivity in journalism that has gotten us into this fix. And so I think, let's have an adversarial relationship, to save us from more folly.

Jack Beatty is a senior editor at the Atlantic Monthly and author of The World According to Peter Drucker (1998).

★ PRESIDENTS AND MORALITY ★

RONALD WALTERS

LYNDON JOHNSON'S GREATNESS

Looking at the way in which African-Americans have tried to enter American society affords a unique perspective for judging presidents. The fact is that George Washington did not exercise a lot of moral, personal leadership with respect to the great questions having to do with slavery and African-Americans. He was not a hands-on leader. He let the passions flow. That may have been shrewd, because out of this approach came a negotiated Constitution, a sort of negotiated nation. But in the negotiation, Washington didn't play a major role, even with respect to the Northwest Ordinance of 1787—the crisis of his career—when there was a question about whether or not to extend slavery to the territory.

Lincoln, I think, was pretty much in the same vein. The Emancipation Proclamation was a tactical move. Lincoln called Frederick Douglass in to try to get African-Americans to fight on the side of the Union. He was consumed by the necessity of

keeping a war going. The condition of blacks was secondary.

If you simply let the fox and the chicken fight, anything is liable to happen. That's why I think Lyndon Johnson was a great president—Johnson exercised real leadership. Johnson responded to the civil rights movement as early as 1957—Robert Caro's *The Master of the Senate* shows this. If the country had put the civil rights agenda to a survey then, I think African-Americans would still be sitting outside of society. But Johnson began to move away from being consumed by tactical considerations and negotiating postures and became a student of Martin Luther King, Jr. He began to believe. At the end of the day, it takes someone with vision to say we have to go in the direction of justice.

Ronald Walters is a professor in government and politics at the University of Maryland and the author of Black Presidential Politics in America (1988).

SUSAN DUNN

THE FOUNDING GENTLEMAN

When George Washington became president in 1789, there was only the paper shell of the Constitution. People didn't have a sense of nationhood. They were loyal to Virginia, to Massachusetts, to Connecticut. It was Washington who had to breathe life into the Constitution and to build citizens' loyalties to this new entity, the United States. And he did that via his own character. He incarnated the nation through his courage, his commitment to national unity, and his confidence in human rationality.

Washington was an Enlightenment man—a deist and not a churchgoer—who believed in using reason to help people pursue happiness. He believed in reason enough to know that it is fallible. This made him less dogmatic about his own opinions and very open to the ideas of others. All the founders possessed that tolerance and moderation. This comes especially to the fore when you compare them with revolutionaries in France. Just when Washington was be-

ginning his second term in 1793, the King of France, Louis XVI, was being beheaded. Radical revolutionaries in France did not tolerate dissent and guillotined their adversaries and even their former allies. They thought they were creating what we would call a one-party democracy that banishes opposition. It's interesting that Washington himself was opposed to political parties. He was upset when there was dissension in his cabinet, when he was attacked in the press, and when an opposition party formed in Congress. But fortunately he did nothing about it, he took no action to eliminate dissent. His genius, and the genius of Jefferson, Adams, and Madison, was self-restraint. They were gentlemen founders.

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DOUGLAS L. WILSON

WHY LINCOLN WAS A YAHOO

Lincoln had to start from a place almost the opposite of Washington. He was the minority president. He was not well-known. He was not first in the hearts of his countrymen. He had to establish his credentials—his moral character—before he could be believed.

What I admire about him is that he simply started with what he was given. He looked funny. He was from a backwoods state. And quickly the image of Lincoln became that of a rube. In fact, he was a cultivated, self-made, self-educated man, and he could have tried to persuade people that he was clever and sophisticated, but he didn't. Instead, when he met with cultivated New Yorkers, he would tell stories in his Hoosier dialect. George Templeton Strong, whose diary tells us much about the nation's mood during the war, had several meetings with Lincoln. He came back from the first one, and he wrote, "Lincoln is a yahoo." He related in Lincoln's dialect a story that Lincoln had told. And then Strong said, "But in spite of that, he's a straightforward, sincere, sensible, honest old codger."

I don't think Strong ever figured out that there was a purpose to that yahoo persona, that Lincoln was interested in

being known as straightforward and sensible and honest. After the country got that sense of him, Lincoln was able to begin a campaign of direct public address—not through speeches, but through letters, the first of which was the famous letter to the *New York Tribune's* Horace Greeley that preceded the Emancipation Proclamation. He wrote a series of public letters—some of which his fame depends on—that culminated in one of the few public speeches he gave as president, the Gettysburg Address, in November 1863.

If you had asked Americans in 1863 what's the most important value talked about in the Declaration of Independence, they would have said liberty. Lincoln could have used liberty as his theme in the Gettysburg Address. But instead he chose *equality*. I think he did that deliberately and for a reason. And it's made all the difference. It's become part of our self-image, transforming what the nation is about.

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DAVID GERGEN

IS THERE MORALITY IN COMPROMISE?

George Washington said, as he was approaching the presidency, that we now have to put a stamp of character upon the nation. He had worked his entire life to develop his own character, and he wanted now to develop the national character. Washington, perhaps foremost among our presidents, thought deeply and acted upon a set of ideas relating to character.

But was Lincoln a moral leader—even though he decided he could not push rapidly forward with emancipation because he would lose the slave states that had not gone over to the Confederacy? This is one of the hardest questions of moral leadership, it seems to me: when you make compromises that are short of your principles, but you do it for some larger good.

In his private life, Herbert Hoover was certainly one of the most moral men we've had in the office. He was a *real* Boy Scout. And yet he was a failure as president. I don't think FDR's private life would win high accolades for moral character. And in his public life also he was devious—he lied

in the buildup to the Second World War. But who was the better leader for the country?

When we talk about moral leadership today we ask, "Has the person got good values?" And certainly, we want to encourage moral character in the private lives of leaders. But we should accept the fact that people are human and will be flawed. Machiavelli lives in public life and may even need to be embraced to achieve certain ends. But the highest level of moral leadership is that which calls forth our highest aspirations—in Lincoln's phrase, the better angels of our nature—and inspires us to live at a higher plane. Our best moral leaders have helped us live in new ways.

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★ PRESIDENTS AND ENEMIES ★

JOYCE APPLEBY

WHEN POLITICS WAS A BLOOD SPORT

Political parties create enemies. The founding fathers had known that there would be differences of opinion, as there were with the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists, but they did not anticipate organized parties. Nor were they prepared for them psychologically or intellectually. The founders were trained as politicians in an era when political discussion was a decorous affair behind closed doors.

Thomas Jefferson opened those doors when he set out to animate and organize the public to oppose George Washington's policies. Swiftly, newspapers were created that published bold critiques of the Federalists. They were often scurrilous and reviling in their attacks. They leaked state secrets. They threw out to the public issues that had formerly been discussed only by those in the leadership group. And in the process they created an intolerable situ-

ation for most of the men in political life. In the closing seven years of the 18th century and the first three decades of the 19th, men who together had fought in arms in the Continental Army, who had been delegates to the Continental Congress, would cross the street rather than give hat service to one another, so deep were the divisions.

The most telling development of this period was dueling. Alexander Hamilton's fatal duel with Burr was but one of many duels. Hamilton's son had been killed in a duel the year before, for mocking a Jeffersonian speech. A newspaper in Delaware in 1824 estimated that 100 men had been killed by duel. That doesn't count the ones who were wounded or the challenges that were somehow mediated.

Dueling had been introduced by the French, German, and English officers who fought in the Continental Army. With them, dueling was a question of honor, mainly to do

with gambling or women. What was remarkable about dueling in the United States was that three-quarters of the duels were about politics. There was even a dueling field in Bladensburg, Maryland, that was called the Congressional Dueling Grounds.

What this phenomenon tells me is that a necessary part of the democratization of American politics, the concept of *issue*—of a subject upon which good men may disagree—

had yet to be cultivated. It seems to me that we now again have tremendous acrimony in politics, and that we're going to have to figure out ways to recover an appreciation of issues and the disputes they stir among honest debaters.

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DAVID HALBERSTAM

PRESIDENTS WHO SEE ENEMIES

I have good credentials for this topic, "the president and his enemies." I went two for three on presidents: John Kennedy asked the *New York Times* publisher to pull me out of Vietnam when I was there in 1963, and Lyndon Johnson said that my colleague Neil Sheehan and I were traitors to our country. Regrettably, I did not make the Nixon enemies list. That would have given me the hat trick.

We can divide our topic into genuine enemies that presidents have and the self-inflicted wounds of presidents who out of their paranoia create enemies where enemies don't exist. Nixon seemed psychologically to need people to be against him—the East Coast people who had gone to East Coast colleges, for instance.

It strikes me that in the evolution of the presidency—and in the parallel evolution of America from a great power into a hyperpower—the pressures on the president have become almost unbearable. At the same time, the process to get to the presidency is so hyped up. I wonder, are we picking people who by their nature are more egocentric and therefore more likely to personalize things with adversaries?

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JAMES MACGREGOR BURNS

PARTIES, PARLIAMENTS, AND RESURRECTING THE THIRD TERM

I will outrage you by saying that I believe in conflict. I believe in polarization. I think we should have more polarization, but everything depends on how we define those terms.

Part of the problem with the American presidency is the personalization of it, and the fact that it is missing the most important quality of leadership in a democracy: shared leadership. We're watching a situation today where, because there is one-party control, we're not getting the kind of opposition needed. What we need in this country is more collective leadership at the national level (and per-

haps the other levels) and, at the same time, a stronger opposition.

Political scientists have been talking for decades about the decline of political parties. We've lost an important strengthening and stabilizing aspect of the American presidency, the kind of capacity that European parliamentary democracies have, where typically a prime minister has solid backing in his party, a great deal of shared leadership in the cabinet, and always the need to deal with an opposition in parliament that is articulate and provides a choice.

Before the 2004 election, everybody was touting a great

increase in voter turnout. Well, the last statistic I heard is that the turnout percentage was in the upper 50s, maybe 60. Why, after a whole year of hullabaloo, did 40 to 45 percent of the people not vote? I think if you asked most of them, they would say, "It doesn't matter." The study of leadership is very much a study of followership. In this country, we don't have a mechanism that allows leaders to institutionalize support; we haven't yet found the secret of developing strong participatory democratic parties.

I'd like to add a P.S. It seems to me that the 22nd Amendment ("No person shall be elected to the office of the president more than twice") automatically created a

presidency that is not going to be tested at the polls. We may not typically want presidents to serve three terms. But we will want presidents who, in their second term, think they might *want* to serve a third. I favor repeal of the anti-third term amendment.

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JOHN DEAN

THE ENEMIES LIST REVISITED

In the 30-some years since my Senate testimony revealed the existence of a so-called enemies list purportedly kept by Richard Nixon, I don't think the record of what really happened has ever been corrected by historians. To the best of my knowledge, Richard Nixon was unaware of the enemies list.

The enemies list was prepared by George Bell, who worked in special counsel Chuck Colson's office as a dollar-a-year consultant. This is not to say that Richard Nixon didn't believe he had enemies. And he certainly had his fair share. There *was* a small, refined list developed by Colson, but Nixon didn't have the literal long list that emerged as a result of my testimony, when the collections of names that Bell had gathered became incorporated into the so-called enemies list.

Having been something of a student of the presidency, and having been inside the operation, one can draw certain conclusions about who might be the natural enemies of presidents and their reputations. And I think I'm sitting on a panel with them: historians and journalists. Warren Harding's enemies, for instance, were primarily journalists, but not until he left office. Nixon, ironically, proved to be his own worst enemy. In his tapes—another 1,000 hours of

which are yet to be released—Nixon's personality, his governing style, his entire operation are revealed to the world as no presidency ever was before. We're inside the sausage-making machine, and the way it is ground out is not always very attractive.

An interesting shift took place in the Nixon White House. When I first went in as White House counsel, there was a pretty open policy for working with the Congress and providing documents and things of that nature—same with the press office. The leak of the Pentagon Papers to the *New York Times* in June 1971, however, was a defining moment in the Nixon presidency—every bit as defining as 9/11 would be to the Bush presidency. That's when Nixon really increased the number of people he perceived as his enemies. That's when you saw creation of the plumber's unit, and when Nixon took extreme and illegal actions that he wanted to justify in the name of national security, and we got, truly, the imperial presidency, unchecked and gone wild.

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All three panel discussions may be viewed in full at BCM's Front Row website, www.bc.edu/frontrow.

Remote access

CHURCH21 LAUNCHES ITS FIRST ONLINE EDUCATION COURSE

BY PAUL VOOSSEN

Fifty-one students from 19 states and the Virgin Islands participated last fall in a four-week noncredit class taught by Boston College faculty, inaugurating a program of on-line education for lay Catholics.

Sponsored by the Church in the 21st Century Initiative (Church21), which BC created in response to the clerical sexual abuse crisis and its effects on American Catholics, "What Makes Us Catholic" focused on how to incorporate Catholic faith into daily life. The course was taught by the theologian and author Thomas H. Groome and adjunct professor Barbara Radtke, and was based on Groome's book of the same title. It was cosponsored by BC's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM), which Groome directs.

"We're interested in providing people a way in which to learn more about their faith," said Robert Newton, a special assistant to the president who has also directed the Church21 Initiative. "[Church21] wants to be of service to the U.S. Catholic population, and not just to the relatively minuscule number of people who can come physically to the Boston College campus."

Among students taking the course last fall, women outnumbered men two to one. In age, they ranged from their twenties to seventies, with half of them under 50. Pam DiDente of Bend, Oregon, a registered nurse and mother of a BC student, signed on for the course, she said, in response to the "polarized" atmosphere of her Oregon diocese. Like Boston, her diocese has been roiled by clerical sexual abuse charges and by accusations that a sitting bishop ignored the abuse. Some of DiDente's friends have left the Church, "people that I never imagined" would do so, she said. "Desperate to find something in the Church that I could relate to," DiDente seized on "What Makes Us Catholic."



Hope Villella '02 took BC's first web-based Church21 course in her brother's Brooklyn, New York, bedroom.

LEE PELLEGRINI

Romeo Marquis, a 65-year-old consultant from Worcester, Massachusetts, who specializes in helping educators to develop online programs, says he took the course to engage in a considered conversation about faith and the crisis in the Church. "Online discussions can be more thorough than face-to-face discussions," he said, and the Web can be a better venue than "everyday" parish life: "You go to Mass, you have coffee after Mass," said Marquis. "There aren't many opportunities to have . . . in-depth discussion."

"What Makes Us Catholic" was taught entirely through the course website, which students gained access to a week before class began. This gave students time to introduce themselves to their conversation groups—the class was randomly divided into five equal sections—and

calmed fears like those expressed by DiDente, who said, "I wasn't sure if I could manage the mechanics of it." (She reports finding the technical demands "straightforward.")

Each week began with students, at their own convenience, watching three video streams, between four and 15 minutes in length, featuring Groome and Radtke talking on subjects drawn from Groome's book (the course's only text). Students were asked to respond by posting reflections on their respective group's message board. Radtke and four graduate students from IREPM served as facilitators, prompting and answering questions, and mediating. A class-wide board was available for general announcements.

One week, the topic was the "sacramental" view of life: "The deep conviction," as Groome said in the video, "that God is present to us through the ordinary and everyday . . . and that we respond likewise." Catholicism's seven sacraments, he explained, are purely the high points of this everyday experience of God. At the video's end, Radtke asked

students to reply with what “you want to hold on to and deepen about your sacramental outlook.”

The responses were “the heart of this experience,” said Radtke. (There were no graded assignments, and the course does not offer credit toward a BC degree.) Participants posted 911 messages by the course’s end. Answering Radtke’s query, one student wrote about working as a pre-marriage counselor with young couples and learning of the “spiritual connection most brought” to their “sexual lives.” Radtke, as facilitator, reflected that the experience serves as a reminder “that we are made in God’s image—both body and soul.”

Conversations did stray, often ending up at the Church’s scandals of the past three years. Students shared their discouragement, some saying, as Groome later paraphrased, “I’m embarrassed to tell my neighbors that I’m Catholic because they ask me all kinds of embarrassing questions about our priests.” Groome responded online by posting a course-wide message: “The ‘heart’ of Catholic faith is . . . the person of Jesus Christ,” he said; within the “hierarchy of truths” that form Catholicism lies room to disagree with bishops on some issues. Invoking St. Paul, he said, “Hope is most a virtue when it is most needed, when there is ample evidence against it.”

DiDente said her time in the course served as a mini-

retreat—“it was so constant throughout those weeks to read, watch the videos, [and] write to people.” The discussions helped her see that the struggles of Catholics “aren’t just here in central Oregon, they are clearly across the country. And there are people like us who are . . . trying to find a way to stay in the faith that is sincere.”

According to Newton, Church21 Online will add two courses in 2005–06, with similar growth planned for future years. New courses will continue to address the principal themes of Church21: the roles and relationships of the laity and the hierarchy of the Church; sexuality in Catholic teaching and community; and how to live and pass on the Catholic faith. The University recently announced a plan to reconstitute the Church in the 21st Century Initiative as a permanent center. The search for a full-time director is in progress.

The spring semester of “What Makes Us Catholic” began on January 24 with 119 students enrolled—including one each from Japan, Mexico, and Belgium. A second online course, “Parents Handing on the Faith,” will begin March 28; some 30 students were enrolled by late January. All courses span four weeks and require a fee of \$75. Additional information and a registration form are available at www.bc.edu/church21/c21online.

Inside straight

A WEEKEND WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES’S PETER STEINFELS

BY WILLIAM BOLE

It is no secret that the Catholic Church in America has become a fairly fractious place. Take the question of hierarchy. At one pole are those who think priests and bishops are infallible on everything from how to do the parish bookkeeping to how the faithful should vote in county elections. At the other end are Catholics who would remake the Church in the image of an Upper Manhattan apartment co-op association—democracy without end, amen.

This picture exaggerates, though not greatly. And besides, there is what Peter Steinfels, in his book, *A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America* (2003), portrays as “the silent middle.” Steinfels, a prominent *New York Times* religion analyst and the former editor of *Commonweal* magazine, is known for trying to build intellectual bridges between left and right. This is not just an ex-

ercise in niceness. As he gladly acknowledged after teaching a class at Boston College recently, there is a combative (he also said “ornery”) side to his openness. Steinfels takes dialectical delight in responding to a thought with two or three contrary thoughts, letting them all go at one another in pursuit of a reasonable proposition.

Steinfels brought some of those propositions to his class, “The Church: From Crisis to Renewal,” which ran during four weekends this past fall. Offered to graduate students through BC’s Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM), the course dovetailed with the University’s Church in the 21st Century Initiative, launched nearly three years ago by University President William P. Leahy, SJ, to address issues emerging from the clergy sexual abuse scandals in the Catholic Church.

The course was not what some students expected when they registered. A few, like Peter Denio, who commuted to class from New Jersey, where he directs youth ministry at Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, thought "the class would be more about him," meaning that Steinfels would be lecturing more or less from his book. Steinfels's contrary attitude heading into this course was, "This is a collective effort. If you just want to know what *I* think, read my book." Denio was pleasantly surprised by the interactive thrust of the class, which was not confined to the classroom. Students posted their reflections on a class website and communicated with Steinfels through e-mails to his nytimes.com address.

Denio could have said, without self-promotion, that the course turned out to be much about *him*. More precisely, the subject was often the men and women called lay pastoral ministers who teach children, counsel the bereaved, and otherwise tend to the Church's flocks as ordained clergy have become fewer in the Church. They are, in a sense, the "silent middle" between priests and parishioners.

Looking at the question of parish leadership during the last weekend of the course, Steinfels began scrawling out titles like "youth director" and "DRE" (director of religious education) on the blackboard. Turning his tall, slender frame toward a class made up mostly of current and future lay ministers (most of them women, and a few seemingly just beyond college age), he observed, "The face of the parish is not the priest, but lay parish associates." Later that weekend he furthered the proposition, telling the 19 students in attendance that lay professional ministry in the United States is something that "just happened. It wasn't the effect of a strategic plan. It arose somehow of its own accord. . . . Why did we go from virtually all pastoral work being done by ordained priests, or religious, to the majority being done by lay pastoral ministers, in a 30-year span or less?"

The answer, hashed out in class conversation, had something to do with reforms spearheaded by the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, and the example of a few pioneers ("That person is doing this work full-time, with a family. I could do that," Denio recalled thinking about a youth minister he knew when he was a teenager in the late 1980s). It also involved sheer necessity. Thomas H. Groome, a leading scholar of religious education who directs IREPM, made the point in an interview later: "[St. John's] Seminary across the street is about to close, for lack of students, whereas we have about 320 graduate students in our program." Students at the institute are lay and young (by and large), the single largest group being in their 20s. "So when people say to me, 'Oh, there are no vocations anymore in the Catholic Church,'" notes Groome, "I say that's not true at all. They're just not entering through the traditional structures of vowed religious life, celibate life.

But there are as many as ever coming forward to enter into full-time vocations."

Which lends credence to one mildly ornery comment delivered in class by Steinfels. He told of a leading bishop who acknowledged that one of the most agonizing things he ever does is to send a "dud," an underachieving priest, to a parish. "It's either that or no one at all," the prelate (who was not identified) lamented. Contrarily, Steinfels submitted to the class, "Why not no one at all, sometimes?"

It was more than a quip. It was a proposal. Basically, Steinfels suggests involving lay parish committees in the process of selecting a pastor, then giving them options if they are not thrilled with the chancery's candidates. For example, they might have the option of "at least asking" for a lay parish administrator instead of a pastor.

The right to ask for something is not everyone's idea of power to the people. But as Steinfels confessed, "I guess I'm an incrementalist." Go slow, he advised in connection with women's ordination. Experiment with reforms, he said in a discussion of married priests, but don't throw aside celibacy. "I bridle at . . . the spiels against celibacy," Steinfels said, describing the discipline as a valuable witness found in nearly every great spiritual tradition.

In that discussion, Steinfels was subjecting one idea—the idea of reform—to the pressure of another idea, tradition. His creative contrariness also surfaced when buzzwords like "collaboration" and "consultation" began flying around the classroom. After hearing some bishop-bashing on that collegial score, Steinfels mentioned that he'd known some pastoral musicians to have "such clear-cut ideas that they won't even talk to the parish liturgy committee." His point: This is not just about bishops.

Steinfels's wasn't the only voice ratcheting up the dialectical pressure, however. On the subject of leadership, he neutrally and respectfully introduced veteran religion writer Kenneth Woodward's contention that women's ordination would spark a "feminization" of Catholic ministry—which would drive men away from the Church. Catherine Brunell, a pastoral ministry student who was pregnant with her first child and showing, was skeptical. "If Woodward were right, then women wouldn't be going to a Church run by men," argued Brunell, who is especially interested in young-adult ministry.

Weekend courses like the one taught by Steinfels satisfy IREPM's curriculum requirements. The class could be taken to fulfill a requirement in the core area of Church leadership, according to the institute's Groome. It was offered, he said, "in the spirit of the Church21 initiative, a spirit of moving from crisis to renewal."

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Matchmaker

Sittercity's Genevieve Thiers '00



MELISSA ANN PINNEY

Thiers and friends in her Chicago headquarters

Dot-com entrepreneur Genevieve Thiers saw the untapped business potential in babysitting. As founder and chief executive of Sittercity, Inc., she uncovered a lucrative market niche matching parents desperate for babysitters with college students eager for extra income.

Thiers modeled her business on the dating service that paired her with her boyfriend. Parents pay an initial fee of \$40, plus \$5 a month, to tap into Sittercity.com's database of 50,000 sitters, each profiled using 30 criteria and references from other parents. Parents and sitters set their own terms. Thiers's database serves 20 markets, from Philadelphia to Dallas to Seattle. "We've turned babysitting into an industry," she says. *Time* magazine named Sittercity one of the "50 Coolest Websites for 2004."

Thiers has no children and no formal business training. She babysat her way through Boston College, ultimately working for about 30 families. "I didn't think my babysitting experience at BC would be the thing that would end up being my career," says the former English and music major.

With more babysitting referrals than she could handle, Thiers conceived Sittercity while still a student. "I remem-

ber thinking, 'Why can't moms go to one place to find all the babysitters instead of having to go from college to college?'" After graduation, she took a job as an editor with IBM, but began setting up Sittercity—interviewing parents, studying other online matchmaking services—in her spare time. She launched the website in Boston in September 2001. Start-up costs were just \$20,000, and Thiers herself distributed 5,000 fliers on 12 Boston-area college campuses. About 600 sitters signed on in three weeks. Investors were less easily wooed. "Honestly, they laughed," she recalls.

In July 2002, Thiers moved the company to Chicago, where she earned a master's degree in opera, part-time, and joined forces with Stacy Ratner JD'99 (her boyfriend's sister), who had successfully built another dot-com company. With Ratner as creative director, the company soon will close on its second \$1 million of private investment. Thiers "stayed with a simple concept," says investor Bruce Geier, of RMS Management in Cleveland. "She built a better mousetrap."

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Gloria Healy with Marc Muskavitch, DeLuca Professor of Biology, in his Higgins Hall laboratory. Photograph by Gary Wayne Gilbert

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